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To England

AMONG the week's letters is one from a priest. It is too good to be trimmed down to Letters page proportions; it deserves to run in full.

It is addressed "To England," and reads as follows:

"Dear England:

"I have been reading the papers and watching for those items that tell of your suffering and your sorrow. I have noted each visit of the enemy in the sky above you, and have marked with horror the awful scars those visits have made on your beautiful face. Your cities are devastated, your homes are shattered, your citizenry are terrified, your children are scattered, your luxuries are despoiled, your comforts are limited, your proud sea-power is quaking, your people throughout the world are in pain.

"I'm sorry for you, as any normal human being must be sorry for the agonies of his fellow-man. I pray for you, as a Christian must pray, that the horrors of this war may soon cease, and that the flow of your life-blood may be stemmed by a just and honorable peace. But I wonder, can you find it in your tortured heart to forgive me if I ask you some pertinent questions?

"Do you realize now the pain your cruel forebears caused to the little Island across the Channel from you?

"Do you know now what it meant to Ireland when your well-equipped armies trampled on her soul?

"Does your crying womanhood, driven from their homes, separated from their children, recall the screams of the massacred mothers and the tortured babies of Drogheda?

"As your noble sons lie buried beneath the sands of Dunkirk, or in the mountain fastnesses of Greece, or are swallowed up in the raging maws of the ocean, can you not conjure up the agony of the slave ships in which your country once carried the manhood of Ireland to be grovelling serfs in the Barbadoes, to be chained madmen in Tasmania, to be the hewers of wood and drawers of water the whole world over?

"As the screaming bombs of a powerful enemy now mar your lovely land, can you at last begin to understand the ruin and devastation caused by your evictions, by your battering rams, by your pillage and your pilferings, and by the injustice of your cruel landlords in the defenseless Island by your side?

"Is there in your present sorrow any recollections of the sufferings wrought but yesterday by your Satanic armies of the Black and Tans — of the brutal killing of Ireland's patriot leaders — of the scourging of noble young men whose only crime was that they loved their country and their God?

"And while you bravely urge your devoted people to fight for the freedom of Norway and Belgium and Czechoslovakia and Greece, is your heart still cold to the freedom of Ireland?

"Does the presence of German troops in Poland cause you tears, the while you feed and drill and encourage in their cruelty an army of invaders in the north of Ireland?

"Oh, England, all is not well with you. Perhaps, some of the world is deceived by your sanctimonious pretenses, but surely God is not pleased with you.

"There are crimes on your soul for which He demands atonement. There is blood on your hands that must be washed away. There are sins that cannot be blotted out by high-sounding words. There is treachery that will not be hidden by promises.

"The souls of massacred millions are crying out against you, and the guns of your embattled armies cannot quiet their voices. The tyranny of a Hitler will not cloak the history of your injustice, nor will the smiles of a Stalin hide your centuries of cruelty.

"England, in your Garden of Gethsemane, kneel down and pray. Your soul is sorrowful—aye, even unto death. You have trusted in your might of Empire—you have lost your trust in the God of Armies.

"You have clung to the worldly wisdom of your blinded diplomats —you have scoffed at Divine aid.

"You have filled your ships with ill-gotten goods, and the weight of the theft is sinking them.

"You have lied, and your lies are trapping you in despair.

"You have erected an empire on deceit and trickery, and now the waves of world indignation are slowly washing away its foundations.

"Oh, England — beautiful England, proud England—your preservation and your peace can be purchased now only by sackcloth and ashes—by prayer—by humility—by justice—and by your return to the God of your fathers.

"England, do penance for the time of your visitation is at hand."

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Restoration to Congress of its sole right to coin and regulate the value of money.

Cost of living maintained on an even keel.

Cost of production plus a fair profit for the farmer.

Labor's right to organize.

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Abolition of tax-exempt bonds.

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Simplification of Government and lower taxes.

Conscription of wealth as well as men in event of war

Sanctity of human rights preferred to sanctity of property with Government's chief concern for the poor.

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Rainy Day Meditation, By Y'r Ol' Frend Pete

H'YA FOLKS:

Hurray! Th' heet's on!

Buleev ut 'r not, I jes back'd up against th' steem pipes 'n boy did I yipe! Scairt sum uv these good lookin' young things outta a year's growth.

Th' melunkoly Fall days 're here 'n this drizzlin' kind o' rain seems even wetter'n th' reg'lar kind. It's too cold 'n rainy for Daddy Coughlin's summer screen-tent house so th' skwirruls 'n I hav' th' big woods all t' ourselfs.

I got all th' water soakin' I wanted so I crawl'd inta my kennel 'n watch'd th' skwirruls. Th' way they're skurryin' around storin' up supplies I'd say we're in f'r a hard Winter — what with luxry taxes 'n fuel bills 'n all.

One of th' many things I don't lik' about skwirruls is their lack o' sistum. I sorta praised their industry in my column a week 'r so ago 'n they got kinda cocky about all th' nashonul publicity. Now y' tak' me, I'm a stikkler f'r sistum but this big fox I been watchin' just can't make up his mind. Looks like he had a walnut 'r sumthin' which he burried at th' foot uv a oke tree then he saw me watchin' 'im so he quick dug it up, made a bluff about hidin' it under a leef then snuck it away sum place else. No wonder they hav to store up so much stuff; with the method they use they can't begin t' remember where they burried half uv it.

Cum t' think uv it how foolish it is of them to hide their akorns 'n nuts from me enyway. A Grate Dane cuddent eat a walnut if he wuz in th' las' stages uv starvashun.

But th' wurrld's a lot lik that: everybuddy all ajitter 'n all-out with wars fitin' f'r sumthin' nobuddy else wants enyway. How foolish it is t' fite f'r comfurt when y' can hav' peece 'n comfort by jes not fitin'.

Hey, cut it out will ya!

Here I was just gettin' nice 'n warm by these steem pipes 'n fillosofizin' when this littl' blonde dame chases me. She ses I smell doggy. Well, I'll admit my wet coat gets a bit "high" when ya warm it, but I don't go f'r sum o' these silly perfooms either. But I'm too polite t' speek about it.

If they don't like my company I'll pad along in t' th' edditoriul sanktum where I know I'll get sympathy. Th' ol' fella knows what it's lik' t' be in th' dog-house betimes. Whadya think he jes' sed: Nobuddy wants t' be a Gypsie when it rains.

Oh, oh, when he's lik' that you gotta kinda yumer 'im; maybe he'll fergit it 'n then maybe again he'll talk about Gypsies th' rest uv th' afternoon and nite—if he don't end up by goin' out t' look for 'em.

F'r both Indians 'n Gypsies this is th' moon uv fallin' leeves, he ses, 'n th' Gypsie wagguns are all headin' south—goin' t' Cole's drug store after th' mail, he ses kinda wistful lik'. We'd better watch 'im a littl' closer f'r a day or so 'r he mite skin out after 'em 'n I'm not so hot on a cold trail.

Guess I'll jes tiptoe out 'n leeve th' old fella t' his dreems.

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This is about enuff t' fill th' space this week enyway 'n I hav'nt got a dog-gone thing to say, 'cept maybe t' remark that Pal's coat wuddent smell eny better'n mine if th' big sissy'd ever stick his black 'n white noze out when it rains.

Well see ya long about nex' week, maybe my reg'lar girrul'll be back.

Keep up th' good work 'n best o' luck frum y'r ol' frend,

—Pete

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Comment

Mr. Roosevelt is Wrong About Russia

IT IS NOTORIOUS that the New Deal's failures at both domestic recovery and international diplomacy, in coming home to roost, have tended to make New Dealers desperate, and their utterances hysterical.

Among the wilder ones, last week, was President Roosevelt's assertion at a press conference that the Soviet constitution "protects religion and the right to propagandize against it."

In other words, the "stated principles" of the U.S.S.R. are, as the saying is, "strictly kosher." Well, Mr. Roosevelt's platform of 1932 was something pretty fine, too, but the American nation which elected him to office saw little of its high professions in practice.

The President's statement was obviously intended to take the "heat" off our friend "Bloody Jo" Stalin and his long record as a murderer of Christians.

The President read the boys a letter which had conveniently come to Secretary Hull disclosing that Polish soldiers enlisting with the Soviet are "permitted to have Catholic chaplains" and that a Polish Catholic church "is about to be" opened in Moscow.

These revelations, obviously, were expected to soften up the opposition of American Christians to an all-out aid to Red Russia. So, the President made it good and strong by the statement that Soviet Russia's guarantees for religious freedom were "virtually the same as our own."

The inference was open, to any who wanted to take it that way, that Christianity is as safe under Franklin Roosevelt as it is under Josef Stalin.

The deluge of protest from American Christians surprised even the White House.

The first reaction there, we're told, was to have been a repudiation of the interview —a tactic made notorious in other days by another Roosevelt.

But when the press men in Washington gave notice that they simply would not "take the rap," the strategy was quickly revised and a stenographic record of the press conference was released to show that a Presidential pleasantry had been greatly exaggerated.

An attempt was made to show that a bit of grim, sardonic sarcasm had been taken too seriously.

But, as the protest of the National Catholic Welfare Conference put it, it was not the President's remarks that produced the concern but that he *allowed the inference to be drawn "that there actually is religious freedom in Russia,* a thing commonly acknowledged to be false."

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"This inference," continued the N.C.W.C. statement "is all the more surprising in view of the fact that as late as June 23, Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles declared publicly that freedom of worship 'has been denied to their peoples by both the Nazi and Soviet governments.'

"Lacking amplification of this remark by the White House, interested persons are asking what impression the President intended to convey when he asserted that there was a similarity between the *Constitution* of the United States and the constitution of Soviet Russia in regard to guarantees of religious freedoms.

"Observers point out that all the evidence indicates that the Soviet regime has cynically, systematically and steadily flaunted such guarantees as were given. To convey the impression that the situation is otherwise, they say, is misleading and dangerous.

"It is recalled significantly that in 1933, President Roosevelt thought it well to ask Foreign Commissar Litvinov that the Soviet government pledge to the United States nationals that they would be free 'to conduct without annoyance or molestation of any kind religious services and rites of a ceremonial nature.'

"At that time, for 15 years the Soviet regime had theoretically prohibited any restriction of 'rights connected with the profession of any belief whatsoever.'

"It is suggested that in 1933 President Roosevelt found it advisable to obtain a new pledge despite this guarantee of liberty of conscience in connection with the recognition by the United States of the Soviet regime. As a matter of fact, all the world knew that the guarantee had never been actually lived up to.

"There is voluminous evidence that religion underwent grinding persecution in Russia before and after Litvinov gave this assurance in the national capital.

"Students of Russian affairs have said that religion has undergone four distinct waves of persecution since the advent of the Soviet regime and that economic pressure and defamation has been only some of the weapons employed.

"Hundreds of priests are reported to have been killed, imprisoned, or otherwise to have disappeared under the Soviet regime."

This statement of Catholic position is reported to have followed a 45-minute conference between President Roosevelt and Msgr. Michael J. Ready, executive secretary of the N.C.W.C.

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This outright Catholic break with the President of the United States gives point to a rather obscure newspaper sensation of a week earlier, when the Rome correspondent of a New York newspaper reported on "reliable inside authority" that Mr. Roosevelt had offered his good offices with Dictator Stalin to get a "break" for the Catholic Church in Russia — if the Holy Father would join the Churchill-Roosevelt axis and bless their war on Nazi Germany as a "holy war."

The story added that the Vatican had spurned this outrageous suggestion. Insiders' gossip added that Mr. Roosevelt's "man" Myron Taylor would be recalled and that the Holy See might even also withdraw its Papal representative in America.

Of course all parties — including *Osservatore Romano*—promptly denied that any such "offer" had ever been proposed by President Roosevelt and the New York newspaper's Rome correspondent was left alone with his "scoop." He was in the position of having fabricated a whole cloth scandalous accusation—which obviously he did not do—or, he was victimized by a tip on some "inside" diplomatic wish-thinking which did not quite come off.

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Methodist Bishop Courageously Outspoken

Protestant leadership deserves credit for its courageous repudiation of the false implications of the President's interview.

Bishop Raymond J. Wade of Detroit, Michigan, for 12 years in charge of Methodist Episcopal mission work in Northern European countries — *including Russia* — sent a telegram to the White House in which he called the President's statements "utterly misleading" and "obviously untrue!"

"Printed constitutions are worthless anywhere unless supported by life," read the telegram of Bishop Wade.

"What matter whether priests or clergymen in Russia are listed as citizens eligible to vote, when only one party ballot is permitted?" the Bishop asked.

"Undisputed imprisonment and slaying of tens of thousands of priests, clergymen

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Bishop Hurley and the Brooklyn-Royal Oak Axis

NOT CONTENT with having stultified the hierarchy and humiliated the people of the Catholic church by his ludicrous and radical pronouncements in favor of an anti-Constitutional shooting war, Bishop Hurley clowns again in the circus ring of the New Deal big tent.

Gulpingly, he admits that "Communism is intrinsically wrong; that no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any manner whatsoever."

Having done this, he proceeds to burlesque logic in the best Rooseveltian fashion.

The good, little Bishop of the Everglades prefaced his procedure by slap-sticking the *Brooklyn Tablet* and SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine for their having had the effrontery, the brazenry, the audacity and the intemperance to quote the above most significant passage of Pius XI concerning Communism.

To the good, little Bishop of the Everglades, Brooklyn and Royal Oak constitute an axis. And this word, "axis," according to His Excellency's sly *gaucherie*, has something to do with being "pro-Nazi," on the grounds that they who do not join the cockney cacophony of "all aid" to Russia must be non-American and half-baked Catholics.

Now, all this has to do with an editorial appearing in the *Florida Catholic*—a weekly paper which the Bishop does not own but which, Hitler-like, he has confiscated for his own, if we may rest our conclusion upon the internal evidence of the said editorial entitled, "*American Aid to Russia*" which appeared in the September 26th issue of that paper.

This Hitleresque confiscation of a paper is "according to Hoyle," in one sense; and, in another sense, it is an abuse of authority —but not so much an abuse of authority as was the Bishop's removing the good Jesuit Fathers from their church at Miami to make of it, as it were, an axis cathedral with St. Augustine at the other end—much to the chagrin of the Jesuits in America, and particularly to their erstwhile flock in Miami, Florida.

That, too, we concede, was within his jurisdictional power.

However, this axis-cathedral Bishop has no right to seduce the reading public into believing that the ownership and publisher of the paper necessarily stamp approval upon a sophistry which the Bishop has caused to be printed—according to internal evidence—in the courageous pages of the *Florida Catholic*.

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In the *Florida Catholic* editorial it was said, *a la* Goebbels:

"The Pope says we may not aid Communism; the axis editors say that we may not aid Russia . . . Let them (the editors of *The Tablet* and SOCIAL JUSTICE) then, think twice before charging our Government with doing wrong when we put into the hands of those same people (the Russians) the means of defending themselves against an invader as cruel, as pitiless and as un-Christian as their own Communist masters."

In other words, we are asked to distinguish between the Russian government and the Russian people. We are told the aid sent to Russia is not intended for the government but only for the people.

Why not send aid to India for the Indian people?

Why not send aid to Latvia, Esthonia and Lithuania to enable those people to obtain freedom from Russia?

Why not send aid to Finland in her struggle against Red Russia?

Why not send aid to Ireland in her age-old struggle against the British?

In fact, why not send aid to the Russian people to overthrow the Stalin government, rather than send aid which is delivered into the hands of the Stalinites to perpetuate their aggressions against the Ukrainians, the Georgians and the other sectors of population which form the Russian slave State?

If Bishop Hurley's mind worked logically and honestly, he would say that he is interested in aiding the cause of Great Britain; that he is interested in defeating the cause of Adolf Hitler.

His Excellency reminds us that a former Pope sent emissaries into Russia. He would have his readers believe that a parallel case exists when Great Britain and the United States are sending arms and munitions into Russia.

The Pope sent agents into Russia to fight, in a Christian manner, the aggressions which the Stalin government committed against religion, decency and civilization—agents who unsheathed no sword but the words of Christian truth.

But the agents of Great Britain and the United States, blind to the plight of the Russian people, signed treaties, not with them but with their diabolical masters to perpetuate the enslavement; and, to these latter they sent men, money and munitions to insure the future of Stalinism!

Bishop Hurley, and his *clique* of British imperialists and war-mongering Americans, readily extend the right hand of friendship to the de Gaullists outside France; to the Polish government outside Poland; and to every other runaway comic opera government.

If he is so interested in aiding the Russian people, why does not the Bishop and his associates recognize a Russian government in exile to fight bloody Josef Stalin?

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Let Bishop Hurley put his wish-thinking and peculiar idealism aside to face facts.

Not only the fact of the British-American mission now co-operating with the Stalin government in Red Russia, but also the monumental fact of Mr. Roosevelt's statement to Ambassador Oumansky.

In that statement President Roosevelt specifically pledged aid—not to the Russian people—to the Russian government!

He said, among other things:

"I am grateful for the expression of good wishes which you have conveyed on behalf of your government. In return, please convey to the government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics my hope for the continued peace and prosperity of the Soviet Union."

The above words of Mr. Roosevelt indicate that he is not interested in aiding the Russian people inasmuch as he is interested in aiding the Russian government. And this is not what Bishop Hurley's editorial (judging from internal evidence) leads us to believe.

For years, the Ukrainian people in America (who have no love for Hitler and less, if possible, for Stalin) have been dreaming dreams of freeing their 50-million blood relatives from the chains of slavery which Lenin and his successors welded about their bodies and souls.

So with the Georgian people.

The Roosevelt policy of all-out aid to Soviet Russia means a policy of perpetuating that slavery in the homeland of the Ukrainians and Georgians.

But this is not appreciated by Bishop Hurley as he clowns in the sawdust ring of the New Deal circus, to the amusement of international bankers, imperialists, warmongers and pro-Britishers.

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Metaphysically speaking, Russia is an entity composed of matter and form. The matter happens to be the people of Russia. The form happens to be the government of Russia. In so far as they are united in one entity it is impossible to aid the Russian people without aiding the Russian government until the soviet form first is changed.

And no mission from the United States and Great Britain has proposed a change of form. On the contrary, the form, which is the government, has been and is being recognized as the established form both by London and Washington and the New Deal Pagliaccis who aid and abet the all-out aid to Russia program.

With sly *gaucherie* equalled only by Bishop Hurley's own, President Roosevelt timed a recent pronouncement which would have us believe that there is religious freedom in the land of bloody Joe.

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Birthday Ball

THE FOURTH annual birthday ball in honor of the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin will be held as usual at the Columbus Club, 1 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, New York, on Friday evening, October 24th.

It is being sponsored by the American Citizens Committee.

The honorary chairman and guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Edward Lodge Curran, president of the International Catholic Truth Society; and the treasurer will be Dr. Patrick F. Scanlon, editor of *The Tablet*.

The price of the tickets is 55 cents and they can be procured at the International Catholic Truth Society, 407 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, and from Mr. Bernard T. D'Arcy, 19 West 44th Street, New York City.

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Comment

500 Boo Ham Fish

RECENTLY (Sept. 28) Representative Hamilton Fish spoke in Philadelphia supporting the thesis of a non-shooting war. He stressed the point that, as yet, Congress had not declared war. He inferred that the war now in progress, as far as the United States is concerned, is Mr. Roosevelt's private war.

In an oratorical outburst he affirmed that the American people would not go to war until Congress declared war. That was the occasion for the booing.

At least 500 persons in his audience told the Representative that they would refuse to support the United States Government in war, even if Congress declared it.

All this is indicative of the spirit which holds sway in America today. It represented the thought of millions of Americans who are convinced that this war is being fought by Great Britain to retain her imperial mastery of the world against the Nazis who are seeking an imperial mastery of the world—a war in which the United States of America should have no part.

It has been evident for more than 20 years that imperial Britain depends for her supremacy upon the United States of America.

Were it not for our country's generosity in canceling billions of dollars related to the first World War and owed to us by Great Britain; were it not for our gold purchase policy which enabled Great Britain to gain more billions of dollars since 1934, the Union Jack long since would have been humiliated because the people who live under the Union Jack were either denied the opportunity or lacked the ability to compete with German commerce and industry.

If we mind our own business, pursue our own national objectives, and amalgamate our dissipated forces on a policy of America for Americans, no nation and no combination of nations can effectively disturb us.

This the American people know as their Government endeavors to involve them in the affairs of burned-out Europe and backward Asia.

A short time ago Winston Churchill observed that if Russia's cause is lost, England cannot survive.

Later on Mitchell Hepburn, Prime Minister of Ontario, voiced the opinion that Russia is already defeated.

Putting these two statements together, if they are factual, England is doomed. All our aid, our money, our tanks, our airplanes sent abroad will have been wasted.

More than that, all the efforts of the New Deal to reconstruct society will be liquidated, because the inevitable result in America will be the repudiation of the New Deal.

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Perhaps, some newer deal will eventuate —one in which labor will take over Government, rather than see labor idle on the streets and hungry in its homes.

Perhaps, by some undeserved benediction from God a more efficient form of government will be established to protect the rights of the minorities be they minorities in number or in intellect.

Perhaps, democracy itself, as operated in the United States, will become the whipping-boy.

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Incidentally, the *Catholic Herald* of St. Louis (Sept. 26) said relative to democracy:

"That Catholics have no quarrel with democracy, have a right to support and love it, and the duty to do so if they live under a just democracy; and that, on the other hand, they have no particular reason to participate in any sort of crusade to make it the one, universal, world-wide form of government.

"Those of us who live in a democracy, as we have the happiness to do, must not only cherish and foster it but, precisely because we love it, keep it clean and pure and, where its leaders and others drag it from its fine idealism into the muck of specious propaganda behind which other purposes are hidden, restore it to its proper place and its true ideals.

"Precisely because we love our democracy we must prevent its becoming a dictatorship.

"Furthermore, precisely because we believe in that tolerance which is one of the cherished ideals of democracy, we must refrain from trying to impose our particular preference upon other nations, small or large.

"And finally, precisely because we appreciate our democracy so highly, our leaders should refrain from using this word as a smoke-screen behind which they seem to be engaged in maneuvers of which the majority of our people do not approve.

"And, as a postscriptum, just because we are a democracy we must insist upon the will of the majority, not the will of a systematically propagandized minority, being obeyed.

"And postscriptum No. 2 should read something like this: No matter how important democracy may seem to some, justice will always be greater. The old, and reasonably sound, slogan is: Let justice obtain even though the world perish! It is not: Let democracy obtain at all costs! We may have both. But we must have justice first and last."

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Whatever the future holds for us, justice must prevail.

No form of government is any better than its executors.

However, as a result of the policy of the executors of democracy, democracy begins to mean world-wide imperialism, policemanship of Europe, domestic inefficiency, national bureaucracy, sinful graft, protection of labor racketeers, political patronage, confiscatory taxation and consorting with Communism or Naziism.

If democracy begins to be identified with these abuses, then the abuses must go no matter what happens to democracy.

'Against a Better Day'

AN ASSOCIATED PRESS report from Washington, D. C., dated February 10, 1940, reads as follows:

"President Roosevelt in bluntly unadorned language labeled the present Soviet regime as an absolute dictatorship today and called it 'axiomatic' that America wanted to extend financial aid to the invaded Finns.

"The Chief Executive's denunciatory criticism of Russia, almost unprecedented as a statement of a Chief Executive of a friendly nation, was made in an address to the National Youth Congress.

" 'I had hoped in the early days of Communism,' said the President, 'that Russia would work out its own problems and that their government would eventually become a peace-loving, popular government which would not interfere with the integrity of its neighbors.

" 'That hope today is shattered, or put away in storage against a better day.

" 'The Soviet Union, as a matter of practical fact, known to you and all the world, is a dictatorship as absolute as any dictatorship in the world!' "

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But within the incredible space of 18 months, Mr. Roosevelt's administration has become an ally of this absolute dictatorship in its phony fight for "freedom and democracy"; and through lease-lend has promised to underwrite that absolute dictatorship in war against another absolute dictatorship.

If there were any logic, morality or sincerity in war — which there positively is not — the United States should be an ally of Finland, the democracy, instead of an enemy in her war of self-defense against the aggressive dictatorship of Soviet Russia.

We should be lending and leasing to the Finns — the only European people who as a matter of national honor paid their debt to us—instead of giving away everything to Britain and Soviet Russia, both notorious welchers on their debts to us.

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Although the Roosevelt administration is playing the game of power politics with as much abandon, ruthlessness and immorality as the British Empire or Soviet Russia, the Congress of the United States and the sovereign people of this Republic have not lost their devotion to principle and law.

We, the people, still admire the Finns and distrust the Communists.

Therefore, the question of how Russia will fare under the lease-lend program, with its exorbitant supplementary appropriations, rests with the people's Congress, ultimately, regardless of the fact that the Roosevelt administration has placed appointive New Dealers in charge of lease-lend disbursements.

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The American's Creed

A CONTRIBUTOR suggests that this would be a good time for SOCIAL JUSTICE to print and for our readers to study *"The American's Creed."*

The *American's Creed* was written by William Tyler Page, clerk of the United States House of Representatives, in 1917 and adopted and promulgated by the Government's Committee on Publication. It was accepted officially by the House of Representatives, on behalf of the American people, April 3, 1918.

"I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

"I, therefore, believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its *Constitution;* to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

Keep the Neutrality Act!

DESPITE all attempts of administration spokesmen to "explain" to the American people why the *Neutrality Act* should be repealed, most Americans understand only that the law must be abrogated to clear the way for an outright declaration of war.

The *Neutrality Act* was passed to keep American ships out of the war zones; and so avoid a repetition of the debacle of 1917.

Of course, as soon as the war broke out and submarine warfare got under way, many American and American-seized ships were transferred to Panamanian registry by their American owners.

But as long as the *Neutrality Act* remains on the law books, the public knows that Congress retains a moral, if not physical grip, on the destinies of this Republic.

For the Congress of the United States alone has the Constitutional right to declare war.

If the Roosevelt administration succeeds in getting the *Neutrality Act* abrogated; the people's Congress will have unconditionally surrendered to the Chief Executive its power to declare war.

Of course, administration spokesmen will point out that to carry out our lease-lend promises to Britain and Soviet Russia, this country must now revoke our *Neutrality Act.*

Most Americans, frankly, do not know the difference between a "neutral," a "neutral belligerent," or a "belligerent"—the people are interested only in preserving peace and keeping out of the wholly unnecessary fracas in Europe, Asia and Africa.

The horse sense of the American people shows them that this lease-lend business is "no business"—America simply gives away everything!

Where are the profits and prosperity which the administration promised?

Americans make, lease, lend, give away, transport and deliver; and Americans pay the whole bill in exhorbitant and confiscatory taxes.

It simply doesn't add up; and all the oratory of Mr. Roosevelt's war workers will not make American horse sense out of it.

For Starving Europeans

BISHOP Charles D. White of Spokane, Washington, a member of the National Committee on Food for the Small Democracies, has appealed to the people of his diocese to petition their Senators and Representatives in the interest of the resolution now before Congress looking to the feeding of the starving populations of Europe.

Speaking in his cathedral the Bishop said: "the law of Christ is the law of love, of charity," and he added, "it is simply impossible to be Christians in fact unless we fulfill this law of love, unless we truly love God and our neighbor.

"Naturally our charity must go first to those in greatest need," the Bishop continued. "Among that number I would direct your attention to the starving peoples of the conquered nations of Europe, millions of men and women and little children about whose sad plight you are hearing very little, but who are wasting away for lack of food.

"There are literally hundreds of thousands of cases so pathetic as to make even strong men weep when brought face to face with them.

"These starving peoples are not asking for money; they are only asking that food be allowed to reach them."

Some suggest, as did the American Secretary of State, that the responsibility for the desperate plight of the peoples of Belgium and Holland "rests with the invader."

Bishop White asserted that some such thought may have been in the minds of the priest and the Levite when they gazed upon the half-dead traveler on the road to Jericho, and then passed by on the other side.

But it remained for the Samaritan to disregard such considerations and be a neighbor to him who fell among thieves.

The Reckoning

WE ARE the meek, the downtrodden ones of the earth . . . hewers of wood and drawers of water . . . whose labors builded the Tower of Babel and whose sweat is mixed in the pyramids and the ancient wall of China.

The roads on which Caesar marched were roads of our building . . . and lo! we have marched in his legions, soldiers when soldiers were needed . . . for we are "the proletarian masses," both the source and protection of power.

Once it was said from a hill-top that we shall possess the land . . . and tho' the Speaker has long been worshipped, His words were as words without meaning. But now, as the storm clouds gather . . . and lightning, coming out of the east, is seen in the skies to the westward . . . there is a murmur among our masters: "What will be the sum of the reckoning?"

O, let them ask the stars that question! . . . stars that throughout the centuries have watched the jackals gather nightly for the feasts prepared for them on the fields of battle.

Let them ask the winds that were forced to carry the stench of rotting corpses . . . back to their widows and orphans to exchange it there for the sound of their wailing.

And the stars, in return, shall ask them: "Have ye ever slept by the wayside?"

And the winds shall bring them an echo: *"Who lives by the sword shall perish by it."*

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Dishonest Pressure from Washington

STICKING by his guns, Gov. Julius Heil of Wisconsin told newspapers that he "did not owe the American Legion any apology" for his charges that President Roosevelt controlled the recent Milwaukee convention, or that the Legion's resolution on aid to Russia "was not the will of the American Legion."

"The fact is," comments the Brooklyn *Tablet*, "that all the big conventions being held now are approached by Administration spokesmen, the arrangement being made at Washington.

"The convention of Indiana editors, addressed by the Postmaster General Mr. Frank Walker, and the American Legion convention in Milwaukee is another example of the terrific political pressure that is being applied on all sides."

When some members of the American Bar Association meeting in St. Louis protested because several war-heralding Administration spokesmen were on the program, they were told by the association's president, according to the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* (Sept. 15) that "the President of the United States" had "decided that Secretary Knox should speak!"

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Illinois State Senator Nicholas Hubbard, a delegate to the Milwaukee convention, charged that strong pro-war resolutions introduced into the American Legion convention "were initiated by Federal officers."

A minority report of the Legion foreign relations committee opposing aid to Communist Russia was tabled by a vote of 874 to 604. Blanket indorsement of President Roosevelt's foreign policy was adopted whoopingly.

The *Brooklyn Tablet* also says that Associate Justice Frank Murphy was put on the program of the Atlantic City convention of the Knights of Columbus "at the suggestion of the Administration at Washington."

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"Aside from the unfair advantage taken by the political pressure agents one can lament the result of these unfair tactics," the *Tablet* comments. "We believe the practice promotes disunion and dissension.

"Certainly, Justice Murphy's speech at Atlantic City did not help the Knights of Columbus, and the American Legion is now sadly split."

In another column of the *Tablet*, the Supreme Board of the Knights of Columbus publishes a statement to the effect that the speakers' views were their own and did not necessarily reflect the views of the Knights of Columbus.

"No doubt the Supreme Board is correct that the Justice did not speak for the order," says the *Tablet*, which adds: "It was unfortunate that the statement was not issued immediately after the address was delivered."

Little Old New York

No Fare!

THE WIFE of a distinguished contributor to SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine, finding herself in New York City with some minutes between trains, decided to spend the time in meditation in church.

The taxicab which stopped for her was driven by what she describes as one of the more revolting refugee types.

"St. Patrick's cathedral," the shy little lady directed; and when the driver did not start she repeated the direction thinking he had not heard her.

The cab still did not roll and the driver snarled sullenly:

"I'll wait for another fare!"

Unfamiliar with the manners of the new refugees and the laws of New York City, the young matron by now quite frightened did not take the man's name and license and call the nearest policeman but hailed another cab.

The second driver, obviously a fellow racialist, took her order in silence and drove to the cathedral but before stopping turned to her and said:

"Lady, you know you could not do this in Germany; Christian churches are not open there!"

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Street Scene

THE FOLLOWING letter from a New York woman writes its own comment:

"On my way home from an America First meeting at Carnegie hall the night of September 17th I walked to the subway on Columbus Circle and 57th street.

"As usual, the soapbox speech makers were there. One drew a bigger crowd than the others so I stopped out of plain curiosity.

"Some woman in the crowd had asked a question to which the speaker replied: 'Well, he's your President.' Then the speaker proceeded with the following words:

" 'Well, take Lindbergh, Wheeler, Coughlin, that low down bum! . . .'

"Two men in the crowd protested and asked the speaker to use the term 'Father Coughlin' and quite a few showed their resentment at the speaker's calling a priest by such names.

"One white haired man shouted to the speaker to say 'Father Coughlin' or he would call police and press charges against the speaker.

"Then a few of the speaker's friends began to yell 'dirty bum and low down' to the old gentleman. They kept this up until the man lost his temper and called the speaker a 'dirty Jew!'

"At this the speaker quickly leaped down from his soapbox and called a policeman who was just arriving and had the white-haired man arrested on a disorderly charge!

"There is our New York: A subversive speaker guilty of inciting to riot by calling Father Coughlin a 'low down bum' has the police arrest a Christian who had the courage to protest!

"Some people in the crowd tried to explain all this to the policeman, but the speaker's gang kept up their yelling and you cannot interfere with an officer. Besides, the speaker and his crowd were ready to press their charges and the elderly Christian was alone.

"I was sorry I could not go along to the station; but I had left my little family at home and it was 11 o'clock at night."

America's Tax Exceeds Britain's

AMERICA, at peace, now has higher taxes that Great Britain, which has been at war for two years!

The United States Chamber of Commerce in its periodical *Washington Review* says that a "conservative estimate" for Federal, state and local taxes approximated $22½-billion, or a *per capita* figure of $168 for the current fiscal year; and that the *per capita* burden was likely to reach $180 for a full year of new taxes.

"The *per capita* tax in Britain for the current period is $165 and after a full year of operation of new taxes will be about $173."

On the basis of national incomes, the Chamber said, United States taxes would take 25 per cent and Britain's taxes 22 per cent!

Deluded Americans who are sacrificing "bundles for Britain" might also remember that the imperial British Crown jewel collection — sent here for safe keeping — was valued at $13-billion before the war. Jewels do not depreciate greatly even during war.

And we also might not forget that Britain owed us $5½-billion before the war; although that sum has now been greatly exceeded under lease-lend.

A Word for Lindy

"WE HAVE said it before, and we say it again, that the Jews, like every other race, are at the mercy of those amongst them with least faith and no principle," observes the *Los Angeles Tidings*, in an editorial defending former Col. Lindbergh.

"From the little we have heard or read of the history of the Jewish race," continues the editorial, "we are stubborn in the belief that there must be those in Israel who cannot do otherwise than regard the present treatment of Lindbergh as unwise, and full of potentialities for the future of America, since a disturbance of the peace towards any group which composes it, is a blow against the peace of all the land.

"For ourselves, and we speak only as of ourselves, we cannot find it within us to believe that the moral and physical courage which Lindbergh has, beyond all controversy, displayed and the deep and passionate love of country which rings from his every word, would not allow him to descend to anything like anti-Semitism in any accepted meaning of the word.

"And, as we have said before, if in this our brief day we had not the courage of what is in us, to extend a hand to one, who, regardless of the merits of the controversy, we believe to have been shamefully treated, something within us would die, and dying would live to reproach us forever!"

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and laymen for religion in Russia, together with thousands of closed churches, speak louder than printed words.

"Such statements attributed to you, indicating freedom of speech and religious propaganda in Russia, are obviously untrue when faced with facts. Support for your emergency policies cannot be secured by ridiculous, unsupported propaganda."

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Enlarging upon his telegram to the President, Bishop Wade said in an interview that he knows scores of cases in which pastors of his own church, of other churches, and Roman Catholic priests have been killed by firing squads on trumped-up political charges that they are opposing the Soviet government.

"I can't give their names," he said, "because I know it would mean reprisals against their relatives, or possibly their families, if they are still alive.

"I know there are ardent Communists in the United States who are watching the papers for just such statements and would send the names back to the Russian secret police.

"Then some night there would come a pounding at the door and some relative, or perhaps merely a close friend, would be hauled off to jail!

"The Russian people are not even permitted to talk about religion on the street unless they talk against it. An atheist can say anything he pleases, but should a religious person speak of God he is arrested and jailed!

"Some of my pastors escaped from Lithuania into Germany," Bishop Wade continued. "They would much rather be under the rule of Hitler than that of Stalin.

"Stalin has done everything he can to stamp out religion.

"It is the Communist belief that *'religion is the opium of the people.'* The Communist is not tolerant. You either believe as he does or you are killed, or jailed or sent to Siberia.

"Your family is broken up. You are sent to one end of the country, your wife to another and your children separated.

"Our President has just been misinformed. It is to be hoped that he soon discovers the true facts."

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Dr. Alexander Stacey, Russian-born Methodist minister of Rhinebeck, New York, an eye-witness of Bolshevik persecution of religious faith in Red Russia said:

"I was in Russia for several years after the Bolsheviks took power. Lenin had ordered them to destroy religion and they waged a ruthless campaign against priests, ministers and rabbis.

"I saw priests killed at the altar and churches burned down or converted into apartment houses. Services were interrupted and Christianity condemned as an enemy of the State.

"All religious leaders were either executed, thrown into jail, or forced into silence."

Father Walsh 'Also' Was There

THE VERY REV. Edmund A. Walsh, vice-president of Georgetown University and representative of the Pope in Russia in 1922 and 1923 in behalf of efforts of the Vatican in regard to religious liberty, also issued a statement contending that Article 124 of the Soviet constitution was a "hollow shell," permitting Catholics, Protestants and Jews to do anything they may please "in certain rigidly prescribed localities in which these 'religious superstitions' are declared to be of no concern to an avowed atheistic government."

Father Walsh said that the same Soviet constitution made it mandatory that decrees of the Council of People's Commissars be carried out. Decrees issued in the past, the priest said, have made a mockery of Russia's constitution.

"Following this pattern, the Soviet government issues from time to time the most drastic executive decrees designed to strangle religion in every external manifestation," he said. "The most notable of these is the *Decree of April 8, 1929,* some six thousand words in length, which is still in force as the most comprehensive network of discriminatory legislation ever devised by a frankly atheistic government. In virtue of this and similar decrees (which rarely come to the attention of the outside world) it is forbidden to teach religion to children under 18 years of age, who are also forbidden to participate even in the restricted religious rites and worship mentioned in Article 124 of the constitution.

"By means of these executive decrees, teachers of religion, priests and laymen alike, have been arrested, and executed or banished to the concentration camps at Solovyetzky Island, Yaroslav, Vyatka and elsewhere. In pursuance of this policy of a very sinister and cynical legality, the Catholic clergy, for instance, has been practically annihilated.

"When the Soviet government assumed the reins of power in 1917 there were some six Catholic Bishops in Russia, over 800 priests and a corresponding number of seminaries for training the clergy. Today there is one Catholic Bishop known to me (not a native Russian, but a foreigner); not a single seminary remains and not twelve Catholic priests were at liberty in recent years.

"But numerous anti-religious seminaries, universities and institutes have been established by the State where the agents of Atheism are trained in the technique of destroying religious belief. Freedom of religion propaganda has been guaranteed in the constitution of 1918 and by Article 4 of the law of May 11, 1925. But even that shred of hope was deliberately removed from the present constitution, which guarantees only freedom of attack but not of defense."

Father Walsh appealed to the President to use his "good offices" with Dictator Stalin to free Catholic bishops and priests now imprisoned in Soviet Russia, and remove the "unjustifiable" discrimination against the Catholic faith, to achieve thereby in practice that religious freedom which Mr. Roosevelt's interview inferred that the Soviet constitution now gives to Christians in Russia.

"If the President can achieve this fine service to humanity," said Father Walsh, "I am confident he will receive a new measure of support from certain quarters which may astonish him, and prove a precious ally in the momentous crisis now facing the American people."

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The Very Rev. Harry C. Graham, national director of the Holy Name Society of the United States, in a telegram to President Roosevelt said:

"As director of the Holy Name Society, with a membership of 3-million American citizens, I respectfully remind you that no religious toleration has ever existed in practice in the Soviet Union since 1917, notwithstanding articles 124 and 125 of the Soviet constitution."

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And Dr. Frederick H. Knubel, president of the United Lutheran Church of North America, declared:

"Before the World War there were about 4-million Lutherans in Russia. Now there is not one Lutheran church left in that country."

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Chairman Dies 'Imputes No Motive'

REPRESENTATIVE Martin Dies, chairman of the House Committee to Investigate Un-American Activities, wrote the President to the effect that, "freedom of religious worship is, and always has been, as non-existent in Soviet Russia as freedom of speech has been non-existent in Hitler's Reich."

Mr. Dies, according to the *New York Times,* said that he "did not assign a motive" to the President's citation of the Soviet constitution but declared that Premier Josef Stalin's regime had "made a mockery of the constitution."

Mr. Dies wrote:

"In the name of tens of thousands of voiceless Christian martyrs who have been murdered by the Soviets, I rise to protest against any effort in any quarter to dress the Soviet wolf in the sheep's clothing of the 'four freedoms.'

"In our investigations, we have learned that the very essence of Communist strategy is double dealing . . .

"Believe me, Mr. President, we have not seen the end of Soviet and Communist double-dealing. The ever-zigzagging line of the party will zigzag again.

"I wish to make the point that the Soviet constitution itself was nothing more nor less than an ill-concealed device for hoodwinking foreign liberals into Stalin's camp during the People's Front period.

"Freedom of religious worship is, and always has been, as non-existent in Soviet Russia as freedom of speech has been non-existent in Hitler's Reich. The history of the Soviet regime in this connection is not one about which there can be any debate."

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Mr. Jacob Ark, New York state commander of the American Legion, is also skeptical of any promised new attitude

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toward religion in Jo Stalin's Russia. He said:

"Legion members, along with other Americans, will adopt a show-me attitude toward Stalin's new policy. At the same time *we shall continue to fight against Communism in all forms in the United States.*"

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Mr. Roosevelt's relation to Communism is peculiar.

In the months of the New Deal campaign in America, before he was elected President of the United States in 1932, billboards in the byways and hinterlands of Soviet Russia reportedly carried his picture with placards predicting him as the *"Next Communist President of the U.S.A."*

Early in his New Deal administration, without public warning or evident reason, the new President suddenly recognized diplomatically the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

Later, his administration protested to the Russian government its violation of the Roosevelt-Litvinov agreement not to propagandize for Communism in the United States. Moscow answered with the sophistry that the Soviet government was not Communism.

The New Deal accepted that explanation and it has continued as the current heresy. A Catholic Bishop friendly to the Roosevelt administration repeated it editorially only last week.

SOCIAL JUSTICE comments on the Bishop's editorial, we hope adequately, on another page of this issue. (Page 4.)

Holy Russia

ANNE O'HARE MCCORMICK, writing in the *New York Times*, in an article entitled *"Europe, Behind the Three-Cornered Conversations in Moscow,"* states:

"This is the crux of the situation: Russia could survive if all her territory in Europe were occupied, but the British Empire, as distinct from the British Isles, would be strangled if the Nazis won command of the strongholds of the Mediterranean.

"It is for this reason that the first aim of British and American policy at this moment is to do everything possible to encourage and enable the Russians to keep on fighting. The *prime purpose* of the missions from London and Washington now conferring in Moscow is to convince the Soviet government that substantial help is forthcoming if Russia holds out. It is to prevent Stalin at all costs from making a separate peace if Hitler arrives at the gates of Moscow.

"There is no sign that Stalin would consider such a surrender, even if conditions were more desperate than they are now. Even the Germans admit that the Red armies have not been routed anywhere; they are still fighting fiercely on every front. The people know that the enemy can never follow as far as they can retreat, so there is no hint of panic or disorder behind the lines.

"They know there is no need to surrender. The resistance of the soldiers and the population throws a backward light, moreover, on Stalin's policy of appeasement. If he made a pact with the Nazis and continued to the end to placate them because he feared the test of war, the event has proved him completely wrong.

"The question today, indeed, is not whether Stalin could be cornered into making a deal with Hitler, but whether he would dare Russian anger by entering into negotiations with the enemy. For if this crisis can be judged from this distance, it appears that the force of Russia — even 'Holy Russia' —has surprised and overpowered Stalin also. Whatever happens, in this great theatre, we are witnessing not only a heroic defense against aggression, but a strange resurgence of a great people asserting themselves in war."

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Previously, in her usually well-informed column the writer said:

"In the last war, the Czar's armies fought for three years with less equipment and ammunition than the Red soldiers will have when the (Russian) production centers are taken. Observers at the front in 1916 estimate that of the 16-million mobilized at that time, there were never arms enough for more than 3-million. Then they were willing to sacrifice their lives and burn their homes to save 'Holy Russia,' and today, in an extraordinary release of long-suppressed national and religious feeling, the slogans of the revolution have given place to the old war cries.

"They fight again in the name of 'Holy Russia,' and the Soviet government itself suddenly discovers that in the hour of supreme test, religion is not an 'opiate' but a stimulant."

True, religious feeling, long suppressed by the heartless rulers of Russia, is suddenly found to be the only thing that really stimulates an army. But we are reminded of the cruel, deceptive slogans that Lenin and his bloody henchmen foisted on the ignorant peasants.

They won them over with the cry of "bread and land." But the peasant found after these murderers obtained power that they were deprived of their bread through the Soviet co-operatives, owned and controlled by the Communist Party, and their land was stolen.

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What is to prevent Stalin from offering the poor Russian soldiers religious freedom if that will give them the will to fight, only to find it another shibboleth when the peace comes.

Stalin knows he is fighting primarily for the preservation of the British Empire, which he hates and loathes. We venture to suggest that he will accept all the aid possible until such time as peace is profitable for him and his henchmen. Just now war is more profitable for the fulfillment of their world wide revolutionary plans. The Reds will promise these British and American missions anything as long as they obtain something tangible in return, as Litvenov stated when he signed the mutual United States-Soviet recognition pact.

Where Are the 37?

AMERICANS were chagrined recently to learn that two Russian flying boats had brought 47 men to the United States, ostensibly, on a technical military and aviation mission.

The greatest secrecy was maintained in order to conceal their names and prevent pictures on arrival. When they landed in the harbor at Seattle, Washington, some enterprising newspaper photographers there hired speed boats and endeavored to obtain pictures. The result was that Navy men, upon orders, promptly fired on them, confiscated their films, developed them to see what pictures were taken, and returned those deemed harmless.

Now comes the news, that the two flying boats have departed—also secretly—the information not being released until several hours after they left—but that only ten returned—five men in each plane.

What happened to the other 37?

Bishop Hurley and the Brooklyn-Royal Oak Axis

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Elsewhere in this edition (Page 3), that point is covered particularly by quotations from the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Dr. Edmund Walsh, S.J., and by the Methodist Bishop Wade of Michigan.

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It was said in a certain history of the Popes that one of the proofs for the divinity of the Catholic Church rested on the phenomenon that pontiffs like Leo X and Alexander VI could not destroy it, despite their wickedness and paganistic tendencies.

Bishop Hurley is another proof that the Catholic Church has something more than mere human bulwarks to hold it intact; for were the Church only human such men as he long since would have destroyed it.

In fine, American aid to the Russian people would be such aid to enable them to free themselves from the communistic government which now forms them into the entity of the United Socialist Soviet Republics.

As for the "Brooklyn-Royal Oak axis," SOCIAL JUSTICE is pleased to regard itself as having been logical in recognizing the above cited fact; as having been American in opposing a shooting war; as having been Christian in accepting the words of Pius XI, without dragging them into the sawdust of the New Deal circus; as having been Catholic in spurning both the Marxism of Josef Stalin and the Marxism of Adolf Hitler.

Moreover, neither the *Brooklyn Tablet* nor SOCIAL JUSTICE favors the journalistic philosophy of the cuckoo — a philosophy which advocates the principle of laying editorial eggs (under pressure) in another person's privately owned paper—and this was done by Bishop Hurley in the *Florida Catholic,* if internal evidence may be admitted into the court of judgment.

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Fr. Gillis' Address

Loyalty to the Nation Comes Before President

AN AMERICAN utterance that needed to be spoken; and a call to courage and forthright honesty which the people also need, was forthcoming in an address by the Rev. James M. Gillis, of the Paulist Fathers, at the recent America First rally in Brooklyn.

Father Gillis, editor of the *Catholic World* — like Father O'Brien of Notre Dame University — has been marked for "purge" by the New Deal's hatchetmen.

The people should know at what personal cost and possible sacrifice to their future comfort these courageous men of God are carrying on to warn the people of their imperiled rights. These Christian shepherds still speak; others before them have been silenced.

Said Father Gillis:

"The propagandists have achieved their purpose but they do not relent. With every step toward deeper involvement, they become more arrogant, more truculent and, as they themselves would say, more triumphant.

"The blare of the voice of the warmongers is heard on every street corner; powerful newspapers are whipping up the war fever; the radio, the movies, the stage have enlisted, or have been conscripted in the service of intervention.

"Editors, commentators, military experts, politicians are whooping it up; the American Legion, which two years ago declared for strict neutrality, has reversed itself; committees for this and for that have sprung up out of the ground crying 'On to war, Mr. President! Faster! What are we waiting for?'

"Preachers in thousands of pulpits are crying a crusade, not of prayer but of vengeance. The slogan is 'defense,' but like every other slogan that has been utilized in the last two years by the interventionists, this latest slogan is dishonest.

"When they said '*Lease and Lend*' they meant 'Give.'

"When they said '*short of war*' they meant 'Not Short of War.'

"So now 'defense' means 'offense,' and what purports to be protection of our own shores means the propping up of a world-wide empire threatened with collapse; and you shall see presently that the President's promise 'No second A.E.F.' means 'Once again an A.E.F.!'

"The movement towards war, slow and hesitant a year ago, now goes with a roar and a rush. At the Central Power House in Washington, the switch has been thrown; a hundred thousand dynamos in all the land have responded; the machines that manufacture propaganda are running night and day at high speed.

"Faced with this prodigious phenomenon, the American people are tempted to become fatalists and some have succumbed, they say, 'What's the use? Why buck the stream? Why attempt to stand before the hurricane? Give up. Give up and shut up.

" 'We don't want to go to war, but we must go none the less. Four-fifths of the nation do not believe that we should participate in this war; but the other fifth is articulate, aggressive, importunate. The other fifth has the money, it has the machine; it has the organization, yes it has the backing of the Federal Administration. And how can the people stand in the face of all that? So let's quit.'

"That attitude I take to be the negative of all American principles. It is moral and mental cowardice. It is apostasy from the idea of Democracy. If we the people, the majority of the people, lie down and let the minority trample upon us, we shall have belied the *Declaration of Independence;* we shall have scuttled the good ship *Constitution;* we shall be renegades from Americanism.

"If we, the majority, capitulate to a minority, we prove ourselves unworthy of our inheritance of freedom; the outpoured blood of the early patriots will be wasted; we shall be degenerate sons of valiant forefathers; by indifference, cowardice, acquiescence in evil we shall ruin the most ambitious experiment ever undertaken on this earth for the liberation of the people from political tyranny.

"We shall be back where we were before 1776; still further we shall revert to the days when the Roman Republic yielded to the Empire; when the proud motto of the Roman carved in stone on every public building, emblazoned on the standard of the Legions and flying as a pennant with the battle flags of the Republic *Senatus Populus Que Romanus,* 'The Senate and the People of Rome,' was dug out of the stone, obliterated from the standards, torn from the flags and in its place appeared the word *'Imperator'* and all the people cried *Ave Caesar,* just as today they cry *Duce! Duce!* or *Heil Hitler!*

"Here and now there is danger of the elimination of the Senate and the people of the United States and the exaltation of the President into a position of solitary grandeur like that of Augustus Caesar.

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"If the British Empire goes under it will be a great misfortune. But if the British Empire going under drags down the American Republic, it will be a catastrophe in comparison with which the collapse of the British Empire is only a minor accident.

"If we the people go to war against our will, the last stronghold of freedom will have fallen.

"We, the people, have the right to determine whether or not we shall go to war. Having the right, we also have the responsibility. We cannot shirk it. Congress is our servant and so is the President. The Pope signs himself 'Servant of the Servants of God.' The President, if he knows his place, should remember that he is servant of the servants of the nation.

"It is not too late to act in defense of America. It is never too late until we are over the edge of the abyss. But we are perilously close to the edge.

"There are those who take the position that since things have gone so far, whether it was by the will of the people, against the will of the people, or in disregard of the will of the people, we must now be loyal to our President and stand united behind him.

"That sentiment is unAmerican and immoral. If my country is wrong I must not support it in wrong. If my President is wrong, I must not follow him in wrong.

"I have many loyalties; and loyalty to a man is not first on the list. I must be loyal to God, to my conscience, to my religion, to moral principle; in the civil order I must be loyal to my country, to my country's *Constitution,* its traditions, its history, its character.

"If the President acts in accordance with the *Constitution,* and with the American custom, tradition, spirit, character, I shall be loyal to him. If the President acts in opposition to the *Constitution,* the law of the land, the tradition and the *ethos* of Democracy, I cannot in conscience follow him!

"Not that I love the President less but I love my country more. I am not less loyal to the man but more loyal to the nation.

"In a speech on Constitution Day in Boston ex-Postmaster General James A. Farley called upon 'all the people to give to the President all the support they can in the defense program.' The sentence must be read carefully: The people should give the President *all the support they can in conscience!*

"We should give him all support for the defense program, not an offense program. It must be defense of the U.S.A., not defense of a world empire, not even a defense of all democracy.

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"As for being loyal to the President; it is fair to ask '*which* President? The President in which mood? The pre-election President or the post-election President?'

"The President to whom I am prepared to give loyalty is the President who has said, 'We stand for peace. We shun political commitments which might entangle us in foreign wars. We are not isolationists except in so far as we seek to isolate ourselves completely from war.

" 'I hate war . . . I wish I could keep war from all nations; but that is beyond my power. I can at least make certain that no act of the United States helps to produce or to promote war.

" 'If war should break out again in another continent let us not blink at the fact that we would find in this country thousands of Americans who would attempt to break down or evade our neutrality . . .

" 'We can keep out of war if those who watch and decide have a sufficiently detailed understanding of international affairs to make certain that the small decisions of each day do not lead toward war and if, at the same time, they possess the courage to say "no" to those who selfishly or unwisely would let us go to war . . .

" 'It is my determination to pursue a policy of peace and to adopt every practicable measure to avoid involvement in war . . .

" 'Let no man or woman thoughtlessly or falsely talk of America sending its armies to European fields. This nation will remain a neutral nation . . .

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" 'We are arming ourselves not for any foreign war. We are arming ourselves not for any purpose of conquest or intervention in foreign disputes.'

"That," said Father Gillis, "is the President to whom I can with no strain in conscience pledge loyalty; behind *that* President I will stand in union with my fellow citizens.

"But that is a different President from the one who has pushed us inch by inch ever since the Quarantine Speech nearer to a shooting war and who now has commanded our Navy to shoot on sight without waiting, without warning and without warrant from the *Constitution,* or from Congress or the people.

"I appeal from the warrior President to the peace-promising President. My loyalty shall be to the President whom the people placed in office because he advocated peace, rejected war and pledged his solemn word that American soldiers should not fight again on foreign battlefields.

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"We can no more establish the 'four freedoms' in all the world than Adolf Hitler can destroy the 'four freedoms' in all the world.

"One continent is enough for one nation. If we go traipsing over all the continents and swashbuckling over all the seas, we shall be licked.

"It was one of those earlier American statesmen who exclaimed: 'By Jehovah, we have no divine command to police the whole world!'

"We can defend New York, and Washington and Baltimore and Seattle and San Francisco and San Diego and all in between.

"We can take care of Hawaii and Alaska, perhaps the Philippines. But it may be madness like that of Hitler's to think that we can defend all the continents and seven seas.

"To talk of our bestowing the 'four freedoms' on all the nations, everywhere in the world, and destroying the 'four fears' everywhere in the world is buncombe!

"To claim that our own defense calls upon us to patrol all the waters in the world is fantastic.

"We can defend ourselves on our own land and our own seas.

"When the Administration harps on national defense, it means not national defense but world defense. We are not defending the United States Republic but a World Empire, somebody else's Empire!

"Let no man say that we who are for America First are less loyal or less patriotic than those who follow a President who goes ahead on a course that leads to war without consultation with Congress and without consideration of the people. He is the best American who loves his country and its *Constitution* more than he loves any man, even the man who happens for the time being to be chief magistrate.

"Under God, we have loyalties to people and to President, but it is no disparagement to the President if we say that in our heart not he but the people of the nation come first!"

Roosevelt's War, Not Ours, Says Nye

SPEAKING at the same rally, United States Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota echoed the priest's call to courage on the part of patriotic Americans.

"Courage and truth, fellow Americans, is the need in this hour," the Senator said.

"Let us not be frightened against daring to be Americans or to speak for America.

"Let us not be frightened *lest those who are displeased with what we say or do* are going to take our jobs away from us, or our war orders and contracts!

"Let us, instead, speak with that voice of nearly 90 per cent of the people of America, who, though they want to aid certain causes abroad, are determined that that aid shall not be our own undoing; and the cause of our involvement in a thing which we must know, and which these people know, will be our undoing."

America has already been taken in by the same trick of the war makers once before, the Senator pointed out. He said:

"We had gone into the last European war for great and lofty purposes, only to find when it was all over with that we had lost every cause that we said we were fighting for; had brought heart-break and broken homes to every crossroads in our land; had built spacious hospitals to accommodate the legless, armless, lungless, sightless and brainless veterans who had rallied so nobly to what was their country's declared purpose.

"And after that war we found ourselves weighted by cost and debt which has all but destroyed 'the American Way,' so thoroughly had the war unbalanced our economy.

"And we heard ourselves called 'Uncle Shylock' by those who had been our ally; and heard many of them tell us that we had not done our part in that war, when they who said it knew, and knew full well, that when the war came to an end *there were more American sons fighting in France than there were British sons fighting there!*

"We had been entirely disillusioned, acknowledged that we had been gyped, and swore that we would never let it happen again!

"To fortify this determination, the Congress enacted laws of neutrality forbidding Americans and American ships in the war zones; forbidding the arming of merchantmen; forbidding in general terms, convoys; forbidding loans or credits to nations engaging in war; and forbidding the sale of munitions of war to nations at war, with the requirement upon nations at war to come and get, pay for, and carry away in their own ships such supplies as were not defined as munitions, while they were at war.

"The one who gave loudest cheers in support of this legislation was President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who, just before the 1936 re-election, reminded the American people that if war came again to Europe, there would be 'thousands of Americans who, seeking immediate riches, "fool's gold," would attempt to break down or evade our neutrality. If we face the choice of propaganda or peace, the nation will answer "we choose peace." '

"That was back in the days when our President was battling the results of the disruption to our economy by the last war — unemployment, human want and need on every hand.

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"But then came the threat of war in Europe again. And with the rolling of the drums there, we witnessed fulfillment of the President's prophecy at Chautauqua.

"We observed the President himself coming to Congress and asking for a change in our laws of neutrality.

"Starting with his 'Quarantine' speech at Chicago, it is difficult to evade the conclusion that the President was counting himself licked in his battle with the depression, and was choosing to pursue a course that would let war be basic to our American plan and economy.

"But if there was such a plan on the part of the President, it has been thoroughly disguised at every step, and each step cloaked with assurance that the step was asked and taken in the name of 'keeping our country out of Europe's war.'

"The arms embargo was repealed at the request of a President who had Congress echoing his words that this was a step to keep us out of war. Today, we know it was the first long step into the war.

"Under the leadership of the President and in the name of 'keeping out of war,' we borrowed the ways of dictators and brought to America peacetime conscription.

"In the name of 'keeping out of war' and 'avoiding involvement' in it, the President dispossessed our Navy of 50 destroyers that were essential to our own defense.

"Then came, after another election had been accomplished on the promise of keeping the people out of war, then came the President's demand for the *Lend-Lease Bill,* but even this in the name of peace for America.

"Again, in the name of keeping us out of war, the President asked for, and won by the narrowest of margins, extension of the draft upon the lives of millions of American sons.

"All of these steps and more, in the name of keeping out of war!

"Anyone who is honest with himself must look back upon these steps, and what has followed, as being very direct institutions for involvement of our country in the war.

"The culmination could only be such a speech as the President made a few nights ago to the American people. That speech was nothing more and nothing less than a declaration of war by Presidential Proclamation!

"But again, I would remind you, that his play was in the name of 'keeping America out of war.'

"If President Roosevelt finally gets what he has been issuing engraved invitations for, if we get into a shooting war in Europe, that war must always be referred to by historians as 'President Roosevelt's war'!

"We have been cheated, misled, betrayed and maddened by propaganda. Only time can tell us the full story of the origin of this propaganda. Who has paid for it. Who has contributed to it.

"It was many years after the last war was over before we learned that Great Britain had expended in America $136-million for propaganda intended to bring the United States into their war.

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Synagogue of Satan

Religious Freedom in U.S.S.R. a Myth

IVAN M. MAISKY (real name Steinman), the Russian Ambassador to England, recently addressed a luncheon meeting at the American Chamber of Commerce in London.

In the course of his address, he flatly denied that religion was being "persecuted" in Russia.

Such gratuitous general statements are designed merely to throw dust in the eyes of the people and keep them from learning the facts.

The *Patriot* of London in a recent article entitled *"Soviet Facts and Fallacies,"* which exposes Mr. Maisky's cruel duplicity in no uncertain terms. It says in part:

"We read in the *Sunday Dispatch* of August 17th of a broadcast from Moscow calling 'to all Christians, Protestant and Catholic, to unite in a holy crusade against the Anti-Christ, Hitler," the appeal being made particularly to the Christian peoples of Germany and the unoccupied territories, and the announcer of this call is reported to have added:

" 'The Soviet Union secures, according to her constitution, to the members of all Churches the right to perform their religious obligations.'

"A statement which, for deliberate deception, it would be hard to beat. But it is of course, the deception which has all along been carried out by the organization of the Soviet Socialist Union, under the domination of the Comintern . . . It must make the devil himself laugh to hear that Stalin is calling a crusade for all Christians to unite.

"Let us recall what appeared in the columns of the *Patriot* of April 18, 1940, compiled from an unimpeachable source of information:

"The ideology of Bolshevism is two-fold. The slogans of the State must allow freedom of all creeds, whilst the Communist Party decrees the stamping out of any religion, and as it is the Communist Party which actually rules Russia, it brings its theories into force.

"Having started by stamping out religion, the Bolsheviks discovered that they were actually driving it deeper into the souls of the people. So they decided to allow the Church to exist, but they put in charge their own priests who took the services, but preached Communism at the same time

"These Disciples of the Devil were called 'Obnovlentzy' or 'Rejuvenators,' but the people refused to receive them as their true leaders, and the worshippers of Christ continued to preach the Gospel and worship in secret at the risk of their lives. This was the position up to 1922

"Then the Soviet authorities developed their plan. They reopened some churches and reappointed some Bishops, but they meant them to bend implicitly to their wishes. This, of course, no real disciple of Christ would do, for, as they aptly remarked: 'One could not at the same time serve as a candle to God and as a poker to the Devil.' They did not see their way to subscribe and incite the people to hatred and cruelty.

"But, as was to be expected, amongst the Russian clergy as amongst all mankind, there were some who, faint of heart and under threat of imprisonment, and death and worse, still fearing the cruel repressions amongst their families, accepted the orders of the Soviet faith. Thus, at the actual moment amongst the priests officiating in the few opened churches in Russia, there are men who are known to work at the same time in the Cheka (secret police), where they denounce their own parishioners. The real clergy are still ruthlessly persecuted and work in secret amongst the people who have not lost the faith.

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"In Moscow, at the actual time, there are about 20 places of worship, including Christian denominations and other creeds, in which services are held seemingly as usual, and the casual tourist would come away with the impression of a packed church where citizens are allowed to worship their God in peace.

"What he would not know is that at the door of all these churches stands a member of the Cheka, who keeps a vigilant eye on the worshippers, and if a person is noted to come too often or pray too fervently, he is immediately reported and at once dismissed from his work, and often persecuted or sent to a place from which he cannot return

"Those amongst the 'authorized' priests who show the least sign of Christianity are suppressed, and the news has just arrived of a wholesale purge amongst the clergy. The Bishop who has been placed in Moscow by the Bolsheviks, is entirely in their hands, and is powerless to defend his brethren, even if he so desired."

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We know that Mr. Maisky, who speaks, of course, as a paid servant of the Soviet State, is also a member of the Central Committee of the Russian Communist Party which in turn controls the Comintern — the center of world-wide revolutionary activities

Thus we see the duplicity in the fact that the "slogans" and "theories" and "stated principles" are professedly favorable toward religion, but the actions, the practices and the real operations are diametrically opposed to the fulfillment of religious obligations.

This duplicity, emanating from the Comintern in Moscow, is one of the prime causes of world-wide confusion and disunity. We find men all over the world, men who have the confidence of the masses, who operate on this double standard of speaking what is right, of sloganizing what is right, and then doing what is absolutely wrong and condoning those wrongs.

Mr. Maisky does the Jewish people a great wrong, the exploited Russian masses a great wrong, the war-weary people of England a great wrong by speaking favorably at public luncheons for "religious freedom," while for the last twenty years, he has, as a member of the Central Committee of Russian Communist Party, endeavored by his callous actions to stifle, nullify and eradicate holy religion from the hearts of his fellow-men.

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"In light of acknowledgments of that day, it isn't too much to guess that they have been expending some money for a like purpose during these last two years in America.

"The people catch up with propaganda after a while, just as our people have caught up with this propaganda to move us into war.

"They know now that they have been cheated in their thinking and are making themselves so clearly heard that even their representatives in Congress, dealing with an issue of most vital importance to the interventionist cause and to the Administration, voted 203 to 202 to extend the terms of the draftees.

"By a margin of only one lone vote these representatives of the people, under the direst kind of pressure, furthered the interventionist cause.

"The result of this vote was an alarm to the interventionists. They became panicky over the knowledge that there could be a recording of so tremendous a sentiment in America against the Administration's foreign policy in its every step.

"Being alarmed and panicky, the interventionists have thrown their entire weight into the effort of stopping this American tide of opposition to intervention. And their resort to this end involves dire and dangerous acts!"

And, speaking in Newark two nights later, Senator Nye sounded this call to a peace crusade:

"Come, Americans, chins up! This is nothing more than a Presidential war!

"Your country is not at war, and will not be at war until it is declared by your representatives in Congress.

"Don't let that opposition which would break this splendid united front of non-intervention if it could — don't let them inject prejudices and racial strife to accomplish that end.

"The cause of non-intervention is not lost. Indeed, the winning may be just around the corner.

"I repeat, there has been as yet no declaration of a constitutional war. And I can say to you here and now, without fear of contradiction, that no one knows better that the President of the United States himself that he can't obtain, with the situation what it is at this moment, a declaration of war out of the Congress of the United States!"

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America Fighting Battle of Atlantic

DURING a period of 37 hours, a few weeks ago, 108 merchant vessels reached the port of New York, establishing an all-time record for the arrival of cargo and passenger carriers.

Most prominent was an armed British passenger liner serving as the flagship for a convoy of 70 vessels. It was said by the passengers that this company of ships had "found it necessary to avoid attack from a nest of 32 Axis submarines lurking off Iceland."

Most of the flags flown by the carriers were British; but there were also vessels showing the colors of the Netherlands and of Norway and still others registered with Central or South American countries. In addition, were American ships plying routes permitted under the present restrictions.

Not long afterward, Rear Admiral Andrews of the Third Naval District announced that the United States Navy had arranged to use American merchant ships to carry supplies to naval bases outside continental United States.

Along with this news came the word that Norway has promised 42 additional vessels, including 22 tankers to the pool operated by the British Ministry of Shipping. There were 550 Norwegian ships in the pool in August.

The public is allowed to draw its own conclusions regarding the great concentration of ocean going tonnage in New York Harbor. It is rather an open secret that lease-lend material has been piling up at the docks and that it is greatly needed at this time. From the remarks of Secretary Knox it may be gathered that the United States Navy is taking pains to help in the progress and safe conduct of these vessels.

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Back of the effort is the tremendous building program of the United States. According to Rear Admiral Land, chairman of the Maritime Commission, 134 new merchant carriers will be added this year and there will be 90 more in the first three months of 1942. That will be only the beginning of the 1,153 vessels aggregating 12,410,000 tons contemplated by the program.

Construction of vessels for the Navy is getting on faster than was anticipated. Since July 1, 1940, $460-million for additional building facilities has been allocated and contracts have been let for 2,831 naval ships at a cost of $7,240,000,000.

Participating in the expansion are nine Navy Yards and 110 private yards. Since the beginning of this program the Navy has commissioned more ships than during the 14 years between 1922 and 1937.

Daily, the Navy reveals the presence of more and more British fighting craft in American shipyards. The British are even now sending us former American destroyers to refit and to repair while British submarines and war craft are to be found in all ship yards from Maine to Florida. Every seaport has its British tars wandering about, thus betraying the presence of British men-of-war in our ship yards.

Although the Navy Department has ordered the newspapermen to exercise their own censorship of this information; everyone knows that British ships are here; because visiting parties are taken to these ships; British tars are on guard over their piers; and British sailors are visiting the towns' "hot spots."

The German Intelligence Service would have to be unbelievably stupid, if the operators didn't know all about the presence of these ships.

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America has fought the Battle of the Atlantic in every phase.

American ship yards are building and repairing British ships, including men-of-war.

America has given destroyers to Britain.

America has instituted roving patrols to protect convoys and his dispatched armed ships on this patrol guaranteeing to keep the sea lanes open to Iceland.

American men-of-war have even convoyed ships into European ports. American naval aircraft maintain a vigilant patrol over neutral and combat zones.

America has armed her ships and even those of Panamanian registry. America has made American-owned ships part of convoys guarded by Canadian and British men-of-war.

Now America has ordered its ships to shoot on sight and to destroy Nazi sea raiders wherever they are seen.

Thus, America fights the war of the Atlantic — contributing more to Britain's mastery of the sea in the name of "freedom of the seas" than Britain.

Instead of the British fleet protecting the Atlantic shores of America, the American fleet is safeguarding the Atlantic for Britain.

There are more British men-of-war in American ports than American warships!

This should expose the fallacy of the argument that the British fleet is America's "first line of defense."

History in the Making

June, 1939—Mr. Xerxes Jones asks: "How can a family have children on a salary of $25 a week? The Church is very backward on social progress."

June, 1940—News item: The United States Government will require every man between the ages of 21 and 35 to register for active service in the Army. Married men with dependents will be exempted.

June, 1941—Personal item: "A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Xerxes F. Jones on June 1st. Mother and baby are doing well."

Price of 'Victory' Chaos in U.S.A.

WILLIAM KNUDSEN, director-general of the O.P.M., made a speech before a distinguished Chicago audience recently, that was generally acclaimed as one of the most vigorous addresses that he has delivered.

His theme was the pressing need for speeding up and expanding the defense work, and the inevitable impact of this effort upon "business as usual."

He said: "This defense job is of such magnitude that we must be prepared to modify our daily life. We cannot have as good a time and be involved in a war.

"Work is the only thing that will accomplish this job and those of us who cannot work can join a cheering squad for those who are working."

Questioned by a newspaper reporter as to what all this will mean for the "average man," Mr. Knudsen replied:

"Tell the average man that if it will help the defense program, Bill Knudsen will be happy to walk around in his shorts!"

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But there is another side to the problem.

Price Administrator Leon Henderson glibly declared not long ago that defense priorities might throw two million men out of work, perhaps this Fall.

A chief official of the National Manufacturers' Association now says that 3-million face idleness.

The Associated Industries of Massachusetts reports: "We fear scores of smaller manufacturing plants with thousands of employes will not survive materials diversion."

It is easy for the Administration to say that the American people must be prepared to do without cake and ales, automobiles and refrigerators. But, even though Americans are willing to make these sacrifices, the industries to be closed employ hundreds of thousands of workers who simply cannot be aborbed on defense projects.

Now it must be borne in mind that the defense materials must not only be produced: they must be paid for. And they cannot be paid for by more and more millions unemployed.

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The United States Government cannot underwrite the cost of national defense and lease-lend by granting dole and relief to the unemployed.

In plainer words, this "phoney" war will produce a depression during its duration, instead of in the years following.

But the depression created by war, and our kind of national defense, will be only the prelude to the bigger and better depression which will result inevitably from the radical changes in economy, finance, industry and even government.

America is face to face with inflation, unemployment, change and revolution — and America must begin to take care of its own affairs, instead of caring for Soviet Russia, Great Britain and mythical foreign "democracies."

Even if "they" win the war, America will lose: for the price of victory, as we already see, is to be depression, unemployment, national socialism, and, perhaps, violent revolution.

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Letters

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Legion Leaders Did About-Face

TO THE EDITOR:

For the past 23 years we of the American Legion have been advocating no more A.E.F., no foreign entanglements, strict American neutrality, the draft of wealth as well as men in the event of a war to defend America.

Now, our national leaders play Roosevelt politics and do an about-face, without consulting any Legion post back home.

Last year, we disgraced the fair name of Boston with its tea party; then, a few leaders went over to England to drink 4 o'clock tea and came back with a program of all-out aid for the British Empire, even to armed convoying.

Now, at Milwaukee, it was still more politics, again without consulting the membership. The leaders would do away with the *Neutrality Act;* send another A.E.F. to fight Hitler in Europe; and fight side by side with the Communists in Russia. Let's help Stalin sovietize all Europe, if not the world, say these spokesmen for the Legion.

A few years ago our bonus request was "robbing the Treasury." It's too bad we didn't have Sergt. York in the movies when we were looking for the bonus. If he had shaken hands with the President while the news cameras ground, we might have gotten the bonus instead of a veto.

God help the people when Jo Stalin and the British Empire become our hope to save democracy!

As Pete says, what's the matter with my spelling?

—A Simple-minded American and a Legionnaire

Springfield, Mass.

Veterans Against War

TO THE EDITOR:

I have been reading SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine since the first copy came out. I have often told people I would not miss it if it cost $50 a year. For I think and know it is one paper you can depend upon and know that it prints only the facts.

Here is something the people should know: 80 per cent of the members of the American Legion are against war; 90 per cent of the members of my Legion post are against war. It is only 10 to 15 per cent, and they are New Deal politicians, who are plugging for the Roosevelt administration and want to enter this foreign war to help England and Red Russia.

The silent Rev. Charles E. Coughlin is getting more followers every week. I have always admired his truthfulness. I also admire Lindbergh, Nye, Wheeler, Smith and Archbishop Beckman.

The truth shall prevail.

—For God and Country

St. Henry, Ohio

Has Back Copies

TO THE EDITOR:

I have at my disposal an entire set of SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Should you have any request on your back files for the same, I should be glad to forward these copies on receipt of the name and address of the party interested.

I would be doubly pleased to take care of the request should there be one from a library, reading circle, fraternity rooms or some such, as these back copies are almost too precious for private possession only.

—E.J.S.

Malone, New York

Meant for Compliment

TO THE EDITOR:

Anent that unfortunate encounter between Errol Flynn and Jimmy Fidler, one version of the affair has it that Errol walked over to Jimmy and called him a "Benedict Arnold."

Now I think it is wholly possible that this was intended as a compliment.

You know that Benedict Arnold was a British stooge and did everything in his power to keep America from winning her freedom. Had he succeeded there would be no need today for any Union Now movement.

British stooges are held in high esteem by the English and why shouldn't they be, after playing such an important part in winning for Britain control of one-third of the globe?

Now as Errol is British through and through he hardly would have bestowed the name of one of Britain's favorite stooges upon anyone he disapproved of. And to bear this out, a friend who witnessed the action, tells me that Errol did not appear the least bit angry, but on the contrary was at his prettiest during the whole scene.

—H.O.

Santa Monica, Calif.

Boys in Camps Loyal to U.S.A.; Distrust Washington Politicians

TO THE EDITOR:

I spent some time at Camp Grant, Illinois, and from there was sent to Camp Davis, N. C., or as more familiarly known to us, "Swamp Davis"!

Typical of these Southern camps, it seems to have been built on some of the most undesirable land available; and, characteristic of all Army camps in the country, there is a lack of equipment second to none.

It is hardly necessary for those of us in the Army to read news accounts about poor morale — we *feel it.*

Of course, no one would think to ask the soldier, or draftee, the cause of such a poor morale—they would prefer to take the word of some arm-chair patriot who, in Father Sheen's words, seems to be more interested in seeking the truth than in finding it.

I think the cause is simple. The boys do not feel that this is our war; no arguments they have heard so far have convinced them that it is. I certainly know that they have not swallowed hook, line and sinker the inconsistent policy of the Roosevelt administration *clique* to pressure freedom of religion and our democratic way of life upon the world by joining hands with Moscow.

The Administration seems to be much more concerned with Europe's affairs than about the internal conditions of our own country, so I guess we will just have to make the best of conditions, since "we" cannot change them.

The soldiers do not trust the Roosevelt Administration *clique;* and although their loyalty to the United States of America is firm and unquestioned, their confidence in the politicians is not strong.

I know I am safe in saying that a majority of the men distrust Britain.

The war makers will first have to convince the soldiers of the Army, as well as the people of the United States that this is our war —that Britain is our "first line of defense," before there can be any enthusiasm about this mess. I think it will be a hard thing to do.

I may be wrong in this, but I do know how the men in the camps feel in this regard.

I receive SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine weekly through the courtesy of Mrs. L. and I assure you that it is well received here at camp. The magazine is placed on reading tables in the recreation buildings in the camp.

Although there is a scarcity of Catholic chaplains the three priests who serve the entire camp are fine men and well liked by the men. There are two commissioned priests and one civilian priest. The chapels have not as yet been constructed so Mass is said in the recreation halls.

—Doughboy '41

Wilmington, N. C.

Congress to Blame

TO THE EDITOR:

Our ancestors fled Europe because of economic and religious persecution and to escape recurring wars; but the tyrants from whom they fled straddled the ocean and oppressed by taxation and political domination those who had sought security, freedom and peace here.

It became so unbearable that in 1773 a cargo of tea was dumped overboard; and in 1775, April 19th, the British arrived to enforce their tyranny. It isn't their fault that we are not now slaves like India's 350-million. Their "visit" ended at Yorktown in 1781.

Americans know the result and we should appreciate what George Washington and his compatriots gave us, a *Constitution* guaranteeing economic, political and religious freedom for mankind.

Our present Roosevelt administration's policies if continued will impose the same tyranny George Washington and his army deposed —economic and political slavery.

Congress is to blame for the plight of this nation. Congressmen ignored the wishes of the people; they served other counsels. Whom will they serve in the future?

—J.P.

Malden, Mass.

God Bless Lindbergh

TO THE EDITOR:

I believe in tolerance for all; not just any certain group.

If only some of our so-called good Catholics had come to the defense of those 17 Christian young men; or to the aid of Father Coughlin when he was being smeared by the very people who are offended at the remarks made by Mr. Lindbergh!

I think it is high time that someone had the courage to speak out.

I wish some of our Catholic politicians were as tolerant concerning Christians as they are for non-Christians and anti-Christians.

Where were the voices of these men when the Abraham Lincoln Brigade left this country to fight in Spain on the side of the Communists, to help torture and kill thousands of Christians, priests and nuns?

Where were their voices a few months ago when this country pleaded aid for godless Russia?

If these same people had spoken out then I would say they knew the true meaning of tolerance, but when they keep silent about the persecution and murder of their own fellow Christians then I say God bless Charles Lindbergh for having the courage that they lack.

—E.V.C.

Brooklyn, New York

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Letters

They're All The Same Empire

TO THE EDITOR:

I attempted to call London, England, on a business matter today, on the transatlantic telephone.

I was informed that the line was only available to the United States Government on this side and the Bank of England.

I asked why not the Imperial British Government and the United States, or did the "Bank of England" and the British government mean the same thing?

I got no answer.

Detroit, Michigan. —**Tacitus.**

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since the Communists are spreading the canard that the editors of SOCIAL JUSTICE "fake" the letters which appear on these pages, maybe we ought not to intrude with any comments, but we could not resist the impulse to enlighten Tacitus. The Bank of England is "the same as" the British Empire. For example, so identical are the two that it was not thought necessary to mention that Mr. Montagu Norman, head of the Bank of England, sat in on the Roosevelt-Churchill sea conferences.

Prayer Hardly the Word

TO THE EDITOR:

In the President's declaration of a shooting war he stated: "I have no illusions about the gravity of this step. I have not taken it hurriedly or lightly. It is the result of months and months of prayer! In the protection of your nation and mine it cannot be avoided."

The word "prayer" is what attracted me. I can't for the life of me see how anyone can use the word prayer, when they have the audacity to refer to the teachers of Christ's doctrine of charity and brotherly love as "breast-beaters."

I wonder if he realizes that quite a few of us so-called "breast-beaters" have already prayed for the repose of his mother's soul; at the same time thanking God that she did not live to see the end of his failure.

Personally, I feel sorry for a great man who had the opportunity to make America American for all time, but whose lust for power and whose bias for the internationalist gold policy permitted his 1932 platform to be sold out from under him.

The President does the dancing and his "Forgotten Man of '32" pays the fiddler.

I don't for a minute question the President's right to pray, but, rather, his ability to do so.

—**C.F.W.**

Buffalo, New York

How to Lose Trade

TO THE EDITOR:

Motion pictures are advertised to be a mirror of life and to furnish entertainment. But what a cheap fraud, a weekly bore, and a wholesale propaganda medium the screen has turned out to be!

After 21 years as a steady movie-goer I have finally decided to quit as a ticket buyer to the movies.

Why? Because the motion picture subjects during the last few years have become worse and worse, lacking in entertainment, with little educational value, and now are degenerated into a series of imbecilic stories and European hate propaganda. It's too much for an open-minded American to swallow.

Also have you noticed that in the gangster and crime pictures, the criminal characters always have Irish or Italian names? Warner Brothers offend most in this respect. No Jewish name is ever given to a criminal or an unsympathetic character role on the Hollywood screen.

Never have I seen a Jewish villain role in the films. You have to go into real life and the courts to find them.

If the motion pictures continue their phoney, unreal and stupid policies—and there is little reason to think they will change—their theaters will eventually become dance halls, bowling alleys, skating rinks, and recreation centers or their sites cleared for parking lots.

—**J.W.B.**

Pasadena, California.

It Is Not Our War, People Can Keep U. S. Out

TO THE EDITOR:

Before the last national election Mr. Roosevelt said: "Your President is following the road to peace . . . We are arming ourselves not for any conquest or intervention in foreign disputes . . .

"And while I am talking to you, fathers and mothers, I give you one more assurance. I have said this before, but I shall say it again, and again, and again, your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars."

To this and to every other Presidential "no war" promise, Wendell Willkie, F.D.R.'s opponent, said in effect "me, too"; but he added that he saw war, saw men (your boys) die, and that war is hell!

But, even as these pre-election pledges were being made, the President was ridding himself of those of his administration aides who took him at his word and continued to speak and work for peace. They were replaced with war inciters like Stimson and Knox.

Where are Joe Kennedy and Jim Farley?

Right after the election, and with "no foreign war" promises still ringing in the ears of "you fathers and mothers," each and every one in the New Deal administration and without exception issued a long and steady stream of war inciting propaganda.

Not to be left out in the cold—or out of the press—Willkie again said "me, too." That is when the plot thickened and the skies darkened.

Then "they" began taking those steps to keep out (?) of war, the steps short (?) of war, and the defense (?) steps.

The shores of America were pushed way out to Greenland and then to Iceland; then came peacetime conscription of manpower, but not of wealth. The *Neutrality Act* was weakened, the *Arms Embargo* was killed, the *Lease-Lend Act* was forced through Congress and now it has become a liable monstrosity since it feeds the ungodly, inhumane and murdering blood-drenched claws of Stalin and his Communist *clique* of world plotters, many of whom are even in our midst.

Then we saw the spectacle of "two men in a boat," one at war and one at peace, casting four freedoms to the four winds, while up the crow's nest perched in spirit if not present, the Red Vulture of Moscow. And he said, "Me too," too.

Then was issued the un-Constitutional order to shoot on sight and shoot first . . .

Now, the war dogs are barking that the Neutrality Act, such as it is, must be modified because, of all things, neutrality is a liability! To whom?

Instead, let's repeal the *Lease-Lend Act*, or if need be to keep out of war, let's demand that the President and his entire New Deal administration resign or face impeachment for their defiance of the people's will.

Fathers and mothers of all faith can unite now for world peace—unite and demand a war referendum to keep our boys at home to defend us, not the British empire nor the Soviet Russian empire.

I have no sons but I saw war and the wrecks of ever-suffering living human flesh it leaves behind.

War is hell and this is not our war; it can be our peace, only if we stay at peace.

—**World War Veteran**

Bronx, New York

Saved His Money

TO THE EDITOR:

I have just finished reading letters by "C.L." and "L.F.G." on staying away from the movies. I stopped going to the movies two years ago because every time I came away from a theater I was disgusted by a part or all of the "entertainment."

I then started to save the dimes and quarters that I ordinarily dropped in the movie business. In a year's time I had ample money to buy some clothes I could not otherwise afford.

If Christians would only bestir themselves out of their lazy tracks and work as hard for their own cause—which is peace—as their enemies do for theirs (which is the destruction of so-called Christian nations), no politician would dare vote yea on a bill that is aimed against them.

Long Island City, N. Y. —**M.S.**

Her Hero to Rescue

—*From the Chicago Tribune*

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Letters

Germany Nothing Like Red Russia

TO THE EDITOR:

I always enjoy reading SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine. There is not one page I miss; I read it from beginning to end. I do not always agree with your statements.

For example, I found in the September 22nd edition: "If Stalin Crushes Hitler . . . the murderous regimes now in power both in Russia and Germany," etc.

Why both in Russia and Germany? So often I read these two governments compared with each other, and I do not like it; because Germany is not like Russia.

In Germany they do not destroy churches, do not kill priests, do not execute people, for the simple reason that they worship God.

Before this war started in September, 1939 (I state the date so readers do not think that people in Germany could not write the true facts then), my husband's people never had one letter censored. The letters from my people were censored once in a great while.

When the talk here in the United States was going on that priests were put in concentration camps, that there was no religious freedom any more over there, etc., I wrote my brother-in-law and he replied "We go to Holy Mass as often as we like, and as often as we did before Hitler came into power. Our children go to the same school as you did, have every morning their religious exercise, pray before the practice starts and before they leave for home."

Now all this is in the public school; the teachers are Catholic for Catholic pupils, Protestant teachers for Protestant pupils in the villages. In the cities all children are together, but twice a week for two hours there is religious instruction. How is it here in our America?

Please remember, too, that in Germany priests and ministers are paid by the government, not by collections on Sunday morning in church.

I am not a "Nazi." I am an American citizen and I love America; but this cannot make me hate the German people. I do not hate the English people, because they are not responsible either for the mess the world is in.

I wish the political leaders of every nation would have to do some of the fighting, then there would be no war.

—Mrs. C.W.

Rochester, New York

Germans vs. 'Nazis'

TO THE EDITOR:

As a reader of SOCIAL JUSTICE for four or five years, I take the liberty to offer a suggestion.

In a general way I subscribe to the sentiment of the paper 100 per cent. I think, however, it would be better if some points were presented with a little more moderation.

Generally speaking, newspapers use the terms German and "Nazis" synonymously. Now, of course, most Nazis are Germans, but most Germans are not Nazis—any more than most Americans are New Dealers.

We of German ancestry would appreciate it if at some suitable occasion you would point that out in your publication.

—Dr. L.G.F.

Buffalo, New York

If Stalin Wins

TO THE EDITOR:

A victory for Communism in this world struggle will mean:

1. The end of Christian religion, so far as the *New Testament* is concerned;

2. The end of our United States as we have known it changed into a soviet;

3. The end of private ownership;

4. The end of the right of freedom of worship;

5. The end of freedom of speech; (4 and 5 having been already omitted in the eight points agreed upon by Churchill and Roosevelt);

6. The population of the world to be regulated the same as cattle;

7. The governments of all the nations to be puppets of a super-government;

8. The gradual decay of human rights, and the building of some more pyramids.

—M.S.

Chicago, Illinois

Slam at the Irish

TO THE EDITOR:

Elmer Davis "and the news" just completed, stated that, in looking over the names of Congressmen who voted against the breaking of contract, and the 18 months extended training, a large number of the names were Irish, and from the New England states.

He framed his words in a manner to reflect upon the good judgment of Irish-Americans and cast a question as to their loyalty.

When the time comes to protect America, Mr. Davis, the men of Irish ancestry will be in there fighting as we have always done. I listen to all the broadcasts, and read all available records, including the *Congressional Record.*

Would Mr. Davis in one of his radio broadcasts please tell us what we are to fight about? And where? And with what?

Up to the present all I've heard about this war is "stop Hitler," and that is from the boys who ran away from him!

Why didn't they stay while there and fight?

—J.J.D.

Milwaukee, Wis.

Democracy?

TO THE EDITOR:

At the last election Alabama cast 250,726 votes for Roosevelt and 42,184 votes for Willkie, a total of 292,910 votes. Minnesota cast 644,196 votes for Roosevelt and 596,274 votes for Willkie, a total of 1,240,470 votes.

Yet, each state has 11 electoral votes. Which state has more democracy?

In Churchill's and Roosevelt's super-World State, to be created after Hitler is beaten, what kind of democracy will the World State have—the Minnesota kind or the Alabama kind?

Elk River, Minn. —C.E.

Keep an Eye on Rome
Counsel to Church Militant

TO THE EDITOR:

Father John Talbot Smith, writing in the *Irish World* some 20 years ago, suggested that the Irish people should always keep an envoy at Rome to keep constant watch on any and all strings that England might attempt to pull there.

I have always thought that a daring suggestion for a Catholic priest to make. It did not seem possible that Rome needed "watching" when dealing with any emissary from Henry VIII's kingdom, a kingdom built and sustained on a continued rebellion against the Vicar of Christ.

Yet, inconceivable as it may seem, it is glaringly apparent that England, through Mr. Roosevelt's special ambassador, Myron C. Taylor, is having remarkable success pulling the same old strings that may have prompted the *Bull of Adrian.*

I believe, as do millions of Christians, that Hitler's war upon the Communists presented the Christian world with the greatest opportunity to strike a blow for Almighty God that it has been given since Christ was murdered.

Yet, the Army of Christ today, particularly in the Western World, is as ineffective in the war now raging between the Prince of Peace and His eternal enemy as so many sheep lost in a snowdrift.

Their Captains, with the exception of the silenced Father Coughlin and the faithful but outnumbered few who have joined him, are playing "hide and seek."

Does it not follow then that as long as Lucifer finds so many "fallen angels" among the Captains of the Army of Christ, this ever-recurring struggle between the Prince of Peace and His eternal enemy will continue?

I am really afraid that the indifference of the clergy in America to the way we are being driven into the present war as the allies of Stalin, the avowed enemy of God, will eventually bring down upon us the wrath of Providence.

—M.M.

New York City, N. Y.

Seed of Peace

TO THE EDITOR:

Universal peace can be ours for the grasping. Christianity is not dead; any more than is Johnny Appleseed. For every good seed that takes root soon blossoms and brings forth good fruit.

It is the rotten fruit of a neglected harvest that breeds wars; and even a good harvest can be contaminated by the rotten fruit if also neglected.

That slows up the progress of mankind, and gives way to the mean man whose progress is downward into a degraded state of mind of hatred.

God bless America where 80 per cent of her people are opposed to war!

It is these good souls that are the real balance wheel of time. This charity, the love planted in these hearts that has taken root, and will soon blossom forth and bear more good fruit onward, upward to greater heights, away from this hatred that breeds wars.

When each and every one of us mothers who have invested in youth take upon our shoulders a little added burden, I feel sure we can all be Gold Star Mothers of Living Sons, and proud to tell the world about it.

—A Mother

Syracuse, N. Y.

Goes to Meet Paper

TO THE EDITOR:

Your paper is wonderful. I cannot wait to get it on Sunday so I am running into Boston to buy it on Wednesday. I have seen so many reading it today.

Roosevelt started an emergency when he first came into office, and we always seem to be in one; I am sometimes inclined to think that he is the emergency himself.

I notice that the hullabaloo in Asia died down after the draft extension was on.

Father Coughlin to my mind is one of the most brilliant minds and clear-visioned leaders we ever had; all his predictions came true.

It's too bad these war hawks are not shoved over to Blighty to fight.

Born and brought up in a large industrial city in Yorkshire, England, I had a good dose of it all in the last war. Although I was a small girl at the time, I remember the air raids very vividly, also forming in queues at 5 o'clock in the morning to get one ration of meat—horse meat at that! And we never saw a bit of butter for three years, only one ounce of lard.

My mother was sent to work in the rail yards unpacking steel bars for Vickers & Co., munition makers, a man's job. Of course it proved too much for her. She developed heart trouble and died a month after the armistice was signed.

I think these people who want war are terrible. In my mind it is mass murder.

—Mrs. S.C.

Allston, Mass.

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Letters

Suckers for Britain

TO THE EDITOR:

We are all willing to contribute to the defense of our beloved land but we are not willing to sacrifice the lives of millions of our sons and wreck our nation morally and financially for the sole benefit of Britain and Bolshevism.

The British care not for the people of the United States — the whole scheme back of the lease-lend program, put through with the influence of British diplomatic banditry, is to get the United States to pay for their war; and, thereby, impoverish this nation, lower our standard of living and drag us down to the squalor of continental Europe — a situation that thousands of our people hoped they had left behind them when they set out for this land of promise.

If we are "suckers" enough to continue to do the British bidding, Britain will again become the world's banker and will thereafter exercise economic controls over our country, which will make us again her vassal State, our citizens to be hunted down and brutally treated as they have always treated the world's millions now under British rule.

—J.K.

Royal Oak, Michigan

Lies About Germany

TO THE EDITOR:

I passed a newsstand the other day and my curiosity was aroused by this conspicuous headline:

"Nazis Kill Sick and Aged in Super State."

I was born in Germany in 1870 and I have been 50 years in America. I do not know very much of the affairs in Germany, but I do know that my oldest sister, 84, and her husband, 86, both are receiving old age pensions, or whatever they call it in Germany. Another brother-in-law of mine owned a farm, when he retired he received a pension also.

It is a disgrace to our intelligence that some of these newspapers are published; but our Hebrews in America are trying every way and means to arouse prejudice and antagonism against a nation and its suffering people, as well as against German-born citizens of the United States of America.

God bless America. I just received the first two copies on my subscription of the SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine and also the booklet, *"The Rulers of Russia."* Glancing over them, I assume before reading them more closely that it contains some very interesting matter and I will surely read every line.

—L.S.

Rochester, N. Y.

What Is Difference?

TO THE EDITOR:

Like most people, perhaps, I am considerably puzzled. Questions that seem to be pertinent are always troubling my mind.

For instance: how does Nazi-ism's opposition to Christianity differ from Britishism's opposition to Christianity?

Is the materialistic naturalism of the one any more desirable than that of the other?

If there had originally been no serious opposition to the advices of Christianity in Britishism would there be any such opposition from Naziism? In fact, would there be any Naziism at all?

Are we to assume that by favoring the materialistic naturalism of Britishism that there is less fanatical opposition to Christianity in this country than in any of the countries of Europe?

Can any truly Christian country condone the materialistic naturalism that dominates the world?

Isn't it a fact that all nations do condone it, along with a vast number of so-called Christians in those countries?

Trusting one devilish force which is the cause of another devilish force is poor promise of a just Christian peace, and contrary to common sense.

And has it not come to pass that he who advocates pro-Christian Americanism minus Britishism is guilty of the sin of "Naziism"? And he who advocates pro-Christian Americanism, minus materialistic naturalism, is guilty of the sin of "anti-Semitism"?

—A.J.C.

Orange, N. J.

If They Could Know

TO THE EDITOR:

Thinking of what the world is going through now, and what might still come later, I wonder how restless some great men of the past must be in their graves, for their beneficial contributions to human progress are now being exploited to intensify the chaos rather than make this modern world a better place in which to live.

Columbus, and the other land discoverers, must surely repent having enlarged the world, for a smaller world would certainly have a smaller area of war than we have now.

George Washington's grave should be constantly guarded lest his shade resign as Father of this Country which has disregarded his counsels to adopt an hysterical policy of putting our feet in a hundred stockings.

Abraham Lincoln's fight for national unity and emancipation seems only a temporary benefit now with dictatorship, intolerance, confiscatory taxation destroying the blessings of liberation which the people could neither improve nor preserve.

Woodrow Wilson's famous 14 points became blunt as a hammerhead when the late "Tiger" of France and his foxy British colleague took the point-maker for a ride.

Edison and Marconi gave the world the good inventions of movies and radio, which, rather than advancing the public good, are being used to inculcate hatred against other governments and other peoples.

If they could know the evil uses to which their science has been put those pioneers would surely ask to walk out of heaven to expiate in purgatory the consequences of their benefits to humanity.

Upper Darby, Pa. —G.A.F.

History Repeats

TO THE EDITOR:

Is it not time for plain speaking?

The American people have been beaten in every battle since the Battle of Father Coughlin.

In failing to restore the Radio Priest to the air waves, the American people lost their first engagement. In spite of the reinforcements of Wheeler, Nye and Lindbergh, they are still losing consistently.

The pro-war clique in Washington do not even read the thousands of letters coming in every day from those who should be the rulers of this nation. The same politicians laughed in their sleeves, and in the Capitol cloakrooms, at the delegations of earnest women, who could ill afford either the time or the money, but who came to Washington to plead for the lives of their sons.

When a government turns a deaf ear to the wishes of its people, what have we? Of course, when it's Hitler, Washington calls it "dictatorship."

History has always defined that sort of government as a despotism.

If our free, independent, representative republic form of government is not absolutely dead, if we do not want to spread godless Communism throughout the country and the world, if we want to save Christianity and American liberties, let us pattern our Americanism after that of the patriots of 1776.

Since our "petitions have been spurned from the foot of the throne" and "answered only by repeated injury" and a foreign-counselled administration seems determined to "destroy us" as a nation, it may be time for some new Minute Men to save America.

—J.R.A.

New York City, N. Y.

Fr. Coughlin 'Tool of Hitler' Is Newest Smear

TO THE EDITOR:

For several years we have laughed at the stupidity of the Germans and Russians.

They were forced to follow blindly the paths set by their dictators. Now, we do as the Germans have been doing. And, furthermore, we are partners with Stalin!

We have always prided ourselves on being smart. What has happened to Americans?

The Germans and Russians have never known the kind of freedom and peace enjoyed by Americans.

Are we now going to sit still and let a dictator pull us around by the throat, too?

When the historic old Liberty Bell in Philadelphia proclaimed the birth of a new freedom, little did our forefathers who fought to give us this freedom, believe that we Americans would ever submit to any other form of government.

But, tell me, just who is the dictator of America?

Is it British Mr. Churchill or can it be possible that the American Mr. Roosevelt is still in the driver's seat?

One of Mr. Roosevelt's *Gestapo* called this writer and said he "had positive information" that Father Coughlin was "merely a tool for Hitler."

If that is true, then our F.B.I. must be wholly ineffective. But they actually do investigate people who have German names, or even plain citizens who dare to say anything against the New Deal.

So, if Father Coughlin was a tool for Hitler, our F.B.I. would have had him in prison long ago. They are very thorough in their investigation and it is my information that the "investigation" of Father Coughlin was made years ago.

A woman called me and said: "You can't have ever read the Bible, because if you had then you would know that we must go to war or Hitler will take America, too."

Well, a lot of people are rewriting the Bible these days. What kind of Bible revision, I wonder, are they putting out that contains this kind of pro-war propaganda.

—M.I.A.

Detroit, Michigan

The Right Spirit

TO THE EDITOR:

I have been a subscriber to SOCIAL JUSTICE for several years and believe it to be one of the very few publications upon which the American people can rely for the facts.

I give you this fulsome praise in spite of the fact that a number of my letters sent in for publication in your "Letters from the People" column have failed of publication.

I have read many letters which were no more important or worthy of publication than mine, and could not understand why mine always missed the bullseye.

However, I have no ill-feeling against the magazine because of this; and do sincerely say that it is worth far more than the subscription price; in that it is well written, fearless and factual.

I trust you will keep up the good work of keeping us informed on the movements of the day and the country's opposition to the war.

—J.P.P.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Comment

Money Reform Club Advises Congressman

"IT IS a comparatively simple matter for men to rise in their seats and rail and rant against the Administration," said Representative J. W. Boehne, Jr., of Indiana, speaking recently in the House.

"We must not lose sight of the fact that we, sitting here as Representatives of the people, have the right to control the purse strings of the nation," the gentleman from Indiana went on. "But on innumerable occasions we have neglected to do that which our better judgment told us to do.

"The answer to the *impasse* in which we now find ourselves cannot be found in the Ways and Means Committee. It cannot necessarily be found in the Committee on Appropriations.

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"There is no objection on the part of the people of the United States to sacrifice to the limit when money is spent for the defense of this country, but in making those sacrifices we must so conduct ourselves that when the battle is won we will still have not an empty shell but a solid foundation upon which to build for the future.

"This means that in times of emergency non-defense expenditures must be curtailed to the bone. In doing this inequities will of necessity arise, but Members of Congress must take the bit in their mouths, and lead the way.

"Many there will be who will not be returned to the halls of Congress because of a militant minority, which believes in meeting our deserved punishment, refuses to see the handwriting on the wall.

"That is the chance that all of us are going to have to take, but it is eminently a chance worth while.

"It is a lot more important that this country remain a Republic, which all of the financial earthquakes cannot destroy, than it is for any single one of us to be re-elected and for the country to be ruined for our children's children.

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"I am convinced that a very necessary surgical operation is needed now to save the patient, and I believe that we have brains enough and nerve enough to go ahead and not force the next generation to make an autopsy over the remains.

"This may mean a tremendous slash in W.P.A. funds. It may mean a tremendous curtailment of funds to the Department of Agriculture, which today is using considerably over $1-billion annually.

"It may mean either the militarization or removal of all Civilian Conservation camps. It may mean a cut in the Department of the Interior.

"It may mean a slash of expenditures for reclamation or irrigation. It may mean a cessation of additional power development for the time being.

"It may mean getting along in the best way that we can in every department of Government. It may mean the abolition of pet commissions and bureaus."

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In reply, Louis C. Lasher, chairman of the Literature and Publicity Committee of the Perry County Money Reform Club of Tell City, Indiana, addressed the following letter:

"My Dear Congressman: After reading your speech which appeared in the *Tell City News* August 22, 1941, I was very much interested in what you had to say.

"As one member of the Ways and Means Committee, you seem to be very much alarmed about the awful debt this country is carrying, with prospects for a still greater debt that the people can never pay.

"You say the answer to this *impasse* in which you now find yourselves cannot be found in the Ways and Means Committee.

"To the 25 Congressmen on the Ways and Means Committee, there is a way. It is plain and easy to understand. It is decisive. You will find it in Article I, section 8, clause 5 in the *Constitution* which reads as follows:

" 'The Congress shall have the power to coin money and regulate the value thereof and of foreign coin and fix the standard of weights and measures.'

"Your members on the Committee must either be prejudiced, ignorant or do not have the ability to understand the document or otherwise.

"The Constitution is the highest authority on issuing money and should be carried out strictly. The money is backed by all the wealth of the United States. That would stop the issuing of bonds for the people to pay interest on and for the international bankers to issue their dishonest counterfeit money that costs them only 30 cents per $1,000.

"I am well aware what the advocates of debt money will do. They will howl inflation, inflation. That is correct if you issue a one dollar bill that will be inflation to the amount of one dollar. If you issue the amount of one million dollars that will be inflation to the amount of one million dollars.

"Now turn to the *Constitution* and read once more where it says, 'To coin money and regulate the value thereof.'

"That word 'regulate' means when you have issued a sufficient amount of money to carry on the business of the country, then cease issuing until it becomes necessary to issue more money. That word 'regulate' when put in force will also prevent unreasonable inflation.

"Now if your Committee and the rest of Congress continues to ignore the *Constitution* and continues to let the international bankers furnish the money, it is a sure shot the country is gone to ruin.

"Every Congressman and United States Senator that votes against Constitutional money is not an American citizen in good standing and should be impeached and fined for perjury."

Mixed Signals

IN LAST week's SOCIAL JUSTICE, the story was told of Baron Woolton, British Minister of Food, who boasted in a recent speech that Great Britain has "plentiful stocks of all sorts." He added that the "wheat supply was the greatest in history."

SOCIAL JUSTICE, you recall, pointed out that while Britain was boasting of plenty, the American butter industry was being wrecked and Secretary of Agriculture, Claude R. Wickard, testified before a House subcommittee that at least $1-billion worth of food *would have to be sent to England in the next five months.*

This week, Britain's top man, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, in describing home conditions in the House of Commons, stated:

"British food reserves stood higher than at the outbreak of the war and far higher than a year ago, and there will be better Christmas dinners this year than last year."

When Secretary Wickard was asked to comment on Churchill's rosy statement, he said he would prefer not to comment, although he might after studying Churchill's full statement.

It looks more than ever like mixed signals.

My Day, My Stars!

ON SEPTEMBER 28 the "First Lady" opened what is scheduled to be a series of twenty-six radio broadcasts over national hook-ups.

It was appropriate and timely that Mrs. Roosevelt should use her first "high pitch" to attack the isolationists who are striving to keep this nation out of involvement in foreign war.

She is quoted as deploring the fact that the isolationists "have been carried away by the feeling of national pride and security."

This is a serious charge. Perhaps it should even be investigated by a snappy Congressional committee. To accuse American citizens, at a time like this, of being guilty of national pride is something that should not go unnoticed.

The conduct of the isolationists in being imbued with a feeling of pride in the United States as a separate and distinct national entity might even be construed as bordering on "treason."

This ugly word has already been hurled at Senator Burton K. Wheeler, although Secretary Stimson was later impelled to display the gentlemanliness to apologize.

The isolationist leaders should know by this time it is dangerous to simulate feelings of national pride in the United States. They should realize, rather, that any sense of pride should be directed towards Great Britain, Communist Russia, and the House of Rothschild.

They should understand that no longer must the American heart swell with exultation at thoughts of the War for Independence, the War of 1812, feats of the Union Army during the Civil War; no longer should they feel a tingle of spiritual joy at the thought of our early struggles as a new nation, the fortitude of the "Founding Fathers" who declared our independence, fought for it, and builded the ramparts of the future on the caissons of the *Constitution.*

They should be aware that these glories are gone forever and that, instead, Americans are called upon to thrill at Britain's history of worldwide bloodshed and exploitation, and the glory of the Soviets who murdered twenty million Christians. They must seek to instill in the hearts of Americans love and respect for an international plunderbund.

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Comment

Professor Presents 'Catholic' Case for War

IN THE October issue of the *American Mercury,* Professor Theodore Maynard, described by Congressman James E. Murray of Montana as "one of America's most erudite writers on Catholic themes," presents a dissertation seeking to prove why Catholics should support the war party in this country and cease their anti-war efforts.

At the outset he states that he writes "as an American Catholic," admits that he may be wrong but challenges anyone to prove him so.

We shall oblige.

Professor Maynard leads with his chin when he says: "It might even be argued that Hitlerism is a more dangerous enemy to the Church than Stalinism. Only by a historical accident or series of accidents is irreligion tied to Bolshevism, and it may conceivably be discarded in time. On the other hand, National Socialism is inextricably rooted in the myth of sacred German blood, which has created a new religion that is perhaps all the more powerful because it is so preposterous . . . To say that God does not exist, as the Bolshevists do, is bad enough, but it is a proposition that can be met by argument; whereas the Nazi doctrine, being irrational and mystical, cannot be met at all except by a rejection as resolute as its own affirmation."

Now the only trouble with that statement is that it is completely erroneous. The professor has virtually reversed the situation.

Whereas Pope Pius XI stated unequivocally that "*Communism is intrinsically wrong,* Prof. Maynard says it is merely *accidentally* wrong.

And while the policies of Naziism have been condemned by two Popes, we do not recall that National Socialism has ever been cited by them as *intrinsically* wrong.

National Socialism in Germany is wrong chiefly because of the ruthlessness, and excesses of the Party, but Communism is wrong *per se.*

What kind of reasoning, furthermore, impels the professor to say that the Communists' denial of God "is bad enough . . . but can be met by argument"; but that the Nazi doctrine "cannot be met at all except by a rejection as resolute as its own affirmation"?

Why would it be easier to convert the Communists, who deny God, than it would be to dissuade the Nazis from their theories of State absolutism and Teutonic superiority? At least there is religion — Christian religion — in Germany. None at all is permitted in Soviet Russia.

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The scholarly professor invited a verbal haymaker further on in his piece by ascribing the anti-war sentiments of certain Irish elements in America to their inability "to forget Oliver Cromwell," implying that England never mistreated the Irish except during the reign of Cromwell.

Perhaps the professor wasn't around from 1916 to 1921, when the British government, headed by Lloyd George and including Winston Churchill, sent an army of brigands into Ireland to commit atrocities unparalleled in modern times. Arson, starvation, murder, torture and suppression of religious freedom were visited upon the Irish people by the British government.

But the Professor recalls only Cromwell.

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Later, he refers to the "*moronic mob following Father Coughlin,*" asserts that he (Father Coughlin) has been repudiated time after time by responsible Catholic leaders, and observes that SOCIAL JUSTICE is "not a Catholic magazine." But, he continues, "it makes no difference — millions of Americans still believe that Father Coughlin speaks for the Church."

We should be very happy to pit "the moronic mob following Father Coughlin" against any like group who have been propagandized to accept the New Deal Administration's philosophy of scarcity, of private money control, of establishing the "four freedoms everywhere in the world," and of believing that a Nazi invasion of the United States will follow the fall of Britain.

That Father Coughlin has been "repudiated by responsible Catholic leaders" isn't so important considering who some of them are, the source of the pressure for repudiation and considering also that he has received the support of other Catholic leaders equally responsible.

As for SOCIAL JUSTICE being "not classed as a Catholic magazine," that is quite natural, for we do not undertake to be a religious publication but only a national magazine of comment edited by Christian (i.e., Catholic) ladies and gentlemen.

If the Professor prefers to think that "millions of Americans still believe that Father Coughlin speaks for the Church," that is his privilege. Surely, Father Coughlin — when he was free to speak — made it clear, as did his opponents, that he did not speak for the Church. And it might be added that no one else speaks for the Church save the Holy Father.

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Apparently in the belief that he was landing a knock-out blow, the Professor then proceeds to boast that the Pope has not blessed Germany's war on Soviet Russia as a holy crusade against Communism. That is supposed to be the final, decisive *coup* against Catholic isolationists.

No, says the Professor. The Pope did not "bless the crusade." The Holy Father "main-against Naziism, as does the Professor. tained an eloquent silence."

Very true, professor. Very true. And in the maintaining of that silence he did not, on the other hand, declare a holy crusade

As we see it, "our side" is one up on the Professor's.

He still has to explain away Pope Pius XI's admonition against collaborating with Communism, which he termed "intrinsically wrong."

The scholarly professor simply differs with the late Pontiff.

4 Jews Against War

"THERE ARE Jews who favor the intervention of the United States in the war, but there are also Jews who just as strongly oppose such a course," says an editorial in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch.*

"For example, the governing committee of the new *Keep America Out of War Congress* includes among others of Jewish faith, Morrie Ryskind, Sidney Hertzberg, Abraham Kaufman and Bertram D. Wolfe.

"Other evidence could be cited to show that the foreign affairs issue cuts across racial lines, just as it breaks party ties."

This Column Reserved for —Fathers

IS JUNIOR jumping on you again about that increase in his weekly allowance?

Do you continually have to tell him that money doesn't grow on trees?

Did you have recent occasion to read the story carried by papers about a Michigan lad—not yet in his teens—who had been picketing his father's home for a 48-hour period because of an insufficient allowance?

Although the story contained both humor and pathos, it was alarming to realize that the pandemic methods employed by strikers to gain their ends—were registering upon the young.

No details were given.

Perhaps, the father had reason for his attitude and thought curbing in this manner was necessary.

Perhaps, the father was not aware of the cost of movie and sport tickets and of the ice cream and hot dogs that are consumed after such affairs—or that the market of today holds an array of appealing novelties that entice the youngsters.

Give a little thought to your own boy.

How about talking to Junior, man to man, about selling SOCIAL JUSTICE at your church on Sundays, or amongst the neighbors right in your own block?

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A Discordant Symphony

THE BARRAGE of statements and counter-statements that comes out of Washington reminds one of a huge discordant symphony — with Conductor Roosevelt vainly waving the baton of unity, while the American people are about ready to stuff their ears.

On closer analysis—with the assistance of some competent metaphorical "music" critics—we find the seeming confusion of sound to be following a definitely-written score.

First, it must be remembered that a symphony, from the musical definition, is "an elaborate orchestral composition of several contrasted, but closely related movements."

So, in Washington today, the contrasting statements of Administration satellites often seem to be discordant, but in reality, they are all part of a definite "plan."

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We find, for example, Mr. Marriner Eccles, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, making this astounding statement:

"Our people cannot spend their increased incomes, and go into debt for more and more things today, without precipitating a price inflation that would recoil ruinously upon all of us. . . . When incomes are at high levels, that is the time when people should reduce their debts or get out of debt."

So, the people should get out of debt — when our entire money system is founded on debt!

Mr. Eccles himself was one of the principal advocates of pump-priming when it was fashionable to state that we could "spend our way into prosperity."

Every action of the New Deal, financially, has been geared to getting every class of American society into debt!

The New Deal got the rich into debt by making them absorb the country's debt-loaded bonds.

The New Deal got the farmer into debt by the monstrous A.A.A. program of an illusive prosperity through scarcity and destruction.

The New Deal got the city worker into debt through the H.O.L.C. and the F.H.A.

If an analysis of New Deal agencies were made, it probably would be found that half of them were devised with the object of getting Americans into some kind of debt noose, and once in debt, to control them and their standard of living.

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Again, let us take Secretary Morgenthau's recent recommendation that all corporation profits over 6 per cent be confiscated by the Government.

Immediately this trial balloon was sniped at by none other than the Administration's Senator George of Georgia, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, who stated publicly that it would virtually put all small business out of existence.

The opposition rallied around Senator George as though he were some modern St. George about to slay the celebrated dragon.

The point is that since Senator George is working so closely with the Administration, and the Treasury in particular, why couldn't Secretary Morgenthau and Chairman George have talked over this impetuous proposition in private, instead of publicizing their ostensibly opposing views from the house-tops?

Well, for one thing, it filled many reams of paper with printer's ink, thus relieving the public blood pressure. Both sides felt better after expressing their pent-up emotions.

For another reason, it confused the dear people still further. It kept them mentally occupied—like throwing a bone to a couple of dogs and letting them fight over it, while the master who throws the bone is free to continue what he really wants to do unmolested, or as the case may be, undetected.

It is an old dodge; it was used by the Caesars, but it still works.

We would warn our readers who are sitting in at this New Deal symphony not to become too distracted by the seeming discord.

To switch a metaphor that is becoming a bit tiresome, keep your eye on the "ball"— not on contentious bones.

The "ball" in all this titanic confusion in Washington is simply this:

Keep the United States of America an independent Republic; keep this grand country out of foreign war!

Money Reform Club Counsels Congressman, Cites Principles of Social Justice

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